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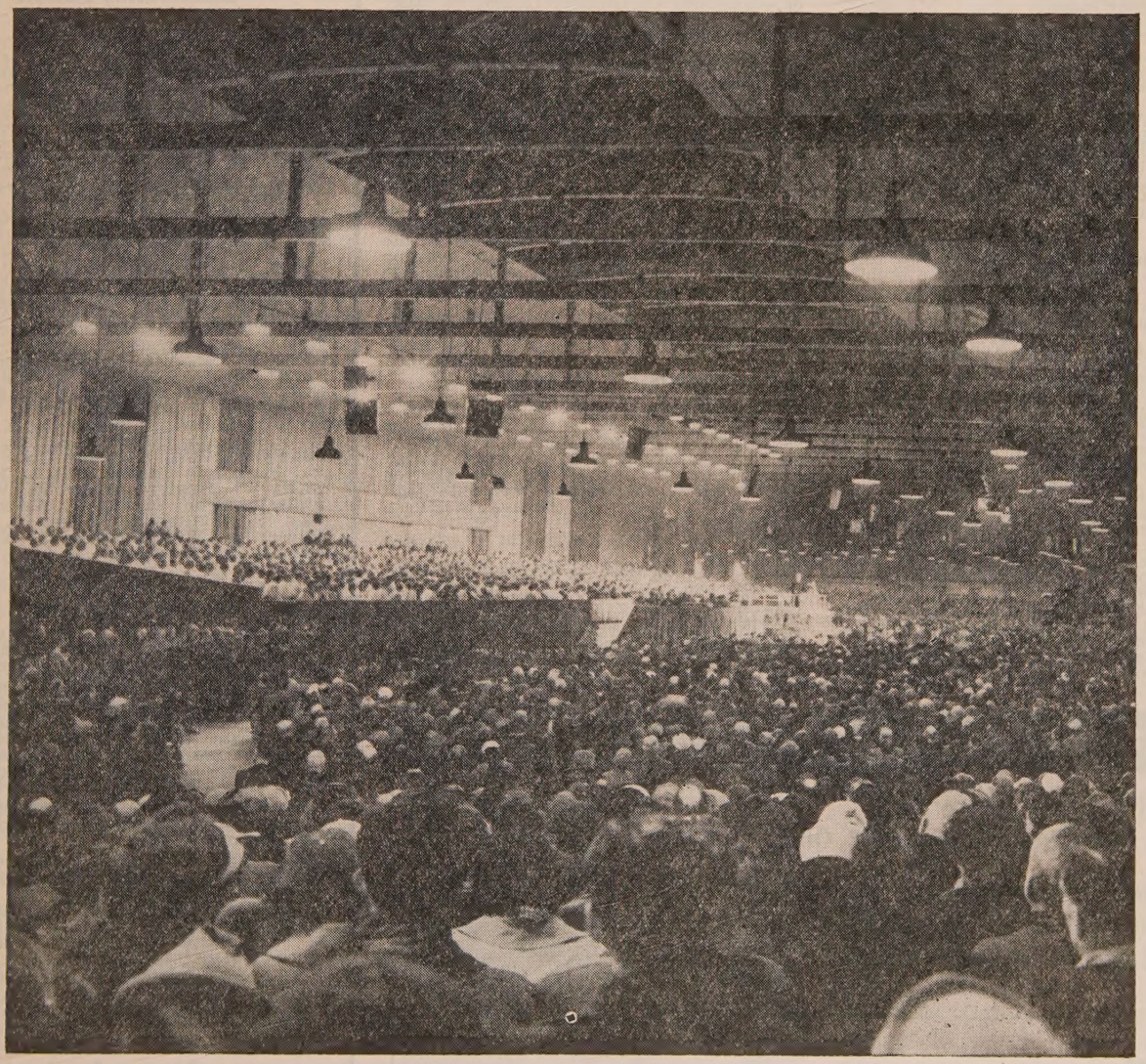

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Readers Say—

Our First Schools

To the Editor:

According to Eric Edwin Paulson, the non-Christian system of public education is essential to the American way of life (*Action*, March 15).

We rather agree with another writer who points out that original American day schools were not government owned and operated public schools but were parental schools. This original American way of education was scriptural and based upon the truth set forth in Eph. 6:4. Here parents and not government are commanded to train up children in the way they should go and to nurture them in the chastening and admonitions of the Lord. The implication is that parents and not government have the commandment to provide this type of education in Christian parental day schools.

HAROLD TILMA

Grand Rapids, Mich.

Racial Intermarriage

To the Editor:

There are numerous things in Dr. Albert J. Lindsey's "Shall We Have World Centralization?" (*Action*, March 15) with which I agree. However, I feel I must protest his reference to the races.

I do not believe that intermarriage and mixing of races is prohibited in Scripture. What was forbidden was the allowing of any individual of contiguous pagan peoples to be left alive. The reason for this is not difficult to find. They were, according to the archeologists, the most corrupt sexually of all known people. The primary function of their chief goddesses was sex. The primary feature of their worship was sacred prostitution. The Scriptures note that the reason for God's command to destroy them was their worship, not their race (Deut. 7:4f).

Further, the prohibition against mixed fibers and mingled seeds had nothing to do with marriage. It apparently was a prohibition to prevent the Israelites from engaging in the superstitious rites of their neighbors.

If, as Lindsey argues, the prohibition is against all racial intermarriage, God could not rightly have defended Moses against the calumny of Miriam and Aaron, that he was married to an Ethiopian, a descendant of Ham (Num. 12:1ff). Nor could He have allowed the warriors of Israel to take captive women as wives, excluding these six specific nations (Deut. 20: 13-18; 21:10-14). Nor is marriage with Egyptians forbidden (Deut. 23:7f). In fact, their offspring is in a favored position relative to the more closely related Ammonite, Moabite or bastard (cf. vv. 2f). It must further be remembered that the vile exegesis of Genesis 9:25, which defended slavery by making the Negroes Hamites and hence "servants of servants," cannot be defended.

The prohibition against racial intermarriage is therefore not of God's making. Man has created the conditions which make intermarriage inadvisable, the conditions that lead to race prejudice, racial subordination, racial toleration, race riots and other evils. This situation can only be corrected by Christ, in whom "there is neither Greek nor Jew . . . , Barbarian [nor] Scythian" (Col. 3:11).

DAVID F. SIEMENS, JR.

McPherson, Kan.

"Christianity in Shoes"

To the Editor:

I note that Clarence J. Kearney writing in *Action* magazine concerning the Washington Prayer Breakfast credits President Eisenhower with putting religious principles in practice in business, law, government and diplomacy. I wonder what principle he used when he made the executive agreement (treaty) whereby members of our armed forces are made subject to the laws of the countries where they are required to serve.

I notice the President is always careful never to mention Christianity or Christ in his public speaking. This includes his inaugural prayer. My Bible says that Christ said: "No man cometh unto the father but by me." So I wonder about these prayers by everyone according to his own "faith." Is the prayer of the Jew, the Mohammedan, the Hindu, etc., just as effective as the prayer of the Christian? My understanding of evangelical Christianity is that no other religion has the slightest standing before God. If Christianity is not the one true religion, what is it? This does not mean that we are Pharisees but that we are all sinners and can be saved only by being born again into the family of God and that whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God. It means that whoever tries to approach or get into contact with God by some other means than the ONE He has provided will fail just as did those at the tower of Babel.

It was also interesting to note that Senator Flanders was among those present at the Washington breakfast in spite of the lengths to which he went to smear Senator McCarthy for trying to purge Communists from government jobs. "By their fruits ye shall know them."

D. B. CARD

Portland, Ore.

A Few Bouquets

To the Editor:

No periodical comes to me which is more welcome than *Action* magazine. My prayers and interest are always with those Christ-honoring soldiers of the Cross, who, like you dear Brethren, are fighting "the good fight."

MRS. G. L. HALL

Tillamook, Ore.

To the Editor:

I have waited too long to drop you a line and tell you how much we appreciate your constantly striking articles and editorials. A critical note in Readers Say inspired me to delay no longer. More power to you!

A. B. OST

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1955 NAE Convention Is Marked by New Sense of --

Responsibility In Leadership And Service

A Report by JAMES DeFOREST MURCH *

THE Thirteenth Annual Convention of the National Association of Evangelicals in Chicago, April 19-22, was not the largest, but it was certainly one of the most significant in the history of the Association.

Probably what went on behind the scenes in excutive sessions will have more to do with the future of the evangelical cause in America than the mass meetings and the public sessions. Everywhere and always there was an atmosphere of unity and of dedication to the task of advancing the evangelical cause.

We shall deal with some of these "behind the scenes" matters in their proper place, but first let us get a bird's-eye view of the convention—

The Hotel Sherman provided an admirable setting for the gathering. Over 500 evangelicals were registered in advance at the Sherman—the largest number of pre-convention registrations at a headquarters hotel. Over 1,000 were in attendance at the various sessions during the week. The Sherman Ballroom accommodated the public sessions. Adjacent were the unusually large number of exhibits of publishing houses, educational institutions, mission boards and service organizations. On the same floor and the floor above were the many halls and conference rooms where the commission and agency meetings were held. Everything was compactly and efficiently arranged. Everybody seemed to think it was the best convention set-up ever.

Coming into the convention foyer between sessions the milling crowd was a demonstration of the marvelous fellowship evangelicals have one with another. They are men and women of a common faith and purpose. There are no "middle walls of partition." Here were people from practically every state in the Union and from many foreign lands. The convention is largely a leadership gathering and one is sure to be shaking hands with heads of mission boards, presidents and deans of colleges, missionaries you have read about, editors of religious journals, denominational leaders, religious broadcasters on national networks, national political and military leaders, capitalists, labor leaders. It is thrilling to know that you are talking with people whom God has entrusted with stewardships which make and mold the destiny of the evangelical cause in every sphere of influence. Indeed, the foyer fellowship is so enticing and thrilling that sometimes it is difficult to break it up and begin the sessions on time. NAE conventions are becoming like family reunions for the family of God.

During most of Monday and Tuesday committees and commissions and boards of the NAE or its affiliates were being held to transact necessary business. The important Board of Administration of the NAE held its first session Tuesday morning. Here representatives of some forty-six denominations and thirty or more related agencies counselled together. Out of the welter of different viewpoints, personalities, opinions and ideas, through the democratic processes guaranteed by the constitution, there came eventual unanimity of mind and heart in meeting old problems and planning future programs.

HOTEL SHERMAN, CHICAGO
Scene of 1955 NAE Meet

The Opening Session

From the opening session of the main Convention throughout the week we were impressed with the fact that the National Association of Evangelicals was entering upon a new era of responsibility in leadership and service.

In a setting of marked spiritual power, two great addresses gripped the thought and imagination of the great throng.

Dr. Carl F. H. Henry chairman of the NAE Commission on Social Action, made it clear that evangelicals have a social conscience and—more than that—a distinctive approach to the social problems that confront the nation and the world today. Dr. Henry dealt with the nature of the economic crisis; communism, socialism and capitalism in the light of Christian doctrine; and the task of evangelicals.

Speaking of Communism, Dr. Henry said, "Christianity holds out no hope for the achievement of an order of absolute economic and social righteousness in present history, least of all on the basis of unregenerate human nature. Economic righteousness is not easily grafted onto unregenerate humanity, even in America . . . .

"Christianity will not recognize a mere arrangement of property holdings

* Rev. Gerald B. Smith, Church editor of the St. Paul (Minn.) *Dispatch*, and press representative at Chicago, was of invaluable aid in securing NAE data contained in this report.

as the guarantee of economic justice. To curtail economic disorder and to achieve economic order it knows a way superior to the mere obliteration of property distinctions. Property distribution will leave the problem of sin in the economic world, and even in a collective order men will need God, as rich and poor alike have found spiritual faith indispensable in the pre-Communist world.

"Christianity will not recognize a millennial utopia as a potentiality latent in sinful human nature, and it knows a better means of securing social regeneration than by a regard for the movements of history as a mere reflex of economic determinism and by a reliance on violence and revolution.

"The idea that social utopia may be derived simply through the redistribution of wealth is naive from the biblical viewpoint. It disregards the spiritual predicament of man which requires more than a mere rearrangement of external factors for its solution. Man's basic problem is one of internal defilement by sin, not merely one of external possessions." SIN is the crucial issue, insisted Dr. Henry. "Man is a sinner," he reiterated, and the basic problem of the collectivist order, the socialist order or the capitalist order will remain one involving sin and sinners.

"The emphasis on man's duties or obligations underlies the Christian discussion of economic theory as a whole" Dr. Henry continued. "It bears not only on the Christian defense of human worth and dignity and rights, over against the collectivistic threat, but equally on the way in which Christianity vindicates private property and the profit motive. No capitalist can invoke the support of Hebrew-Christian religion for these cherished privileges without at the same time placing himself under indebtedness to a concept of man as a creature with changeless moral obligations, economic as well as others, to God and his fellow-men alike."

This address indicated that evangelicals have accepted the liberal challenge and are meeting the social issue "head on" with a distinctively biblical approach.

Dr. Harold J. Ockenga, first president of the NAE and outstanding evangelical leader, reinterpreted the position of the Association in the light of thirteen years of history. With characteristic forthrightness and keen analytical insight he drove down the stakes of evangelical principle and, like Luther of old, said "Here we stand!"

Dr. Ockenga urged the NAE to spurn commitments which would tie it in with activities of the National Council of Churches on one hand or the American Council of Churches on the other.

No Time for Compromise

"Overtures are being made to members of our NAE to support the National Council of Churches and to be rewarded with places of leadership and responsibility therein," he said, "but this would mean compromise with modernism, Barthianism, and sacerdotal Christianity, and is a large price to pay for unity. We evangelicals must live with our conscience!"

"Then there is the possibility of merger with the American Council of Churches, in the analogy of the merger of the AFL and the CIO," Dr. Ockenga observed. "This would result in a very powerful evangelical movement able to enlist the support of all Bible-believing Christians, and it is a consummation devoutly to be wished.

"Yet many of us find it impossible, for we must retain our integrity, self-respect and principles of ethical action. We cannot surrender principle for expediency or power. Our only course seems to be the one upon which we have embarked, namely, positive action based upon faithful adherence to the revealed truth. The seventeen departments of action within the National Association of evangelicals are expressing with power in the nation and abroad the basic convictions of this evangelical movement."

Declaring that a great challenge stands before the "evangelicals" of the world, Dr. Ockenga said:

"It is a challenge enforced by materialism, whether in organized communism or in educational naturalism, by modernism unchastened and aggressive, by Romanism encroaching and threatening, and by the secularism of modern life.

"It is evidenced by the longing of the people for two things, first, a clear doctrinal position. They must know what they believe. They are forced to this knowledge by the ideology of Communism.

"Second, for a committed life which will outlive, outlove and outserve the Communist in practical ideals. They must have answers of expression of faith in action."

Dr. Ockenga admitted that "evangelical" is a word needing definition, and he provided several:

"An evangelical believer holds that every individual must be spiritually united to Christ, and through union with Christ united to the church."

"An evangelical believer is, in a special sense, spiritually minded and zealous of practical Christian living, distinguished from mere orthodoxy."

Another is, "Seeking the conversion of sinners, at home and abroad as evangelical labors are far-reaching."

He then insisted that "an evangelical should be differentiated from those who now appropriate the name merely because they are non-Roman but do not embrace those doctrines of evangelical Christianity, thus causing confusion. It is a misnomer for a modernist to use the name evangelical."

The Word of God

In relation to its position on the authority of the Bible as the Word of God, the infallible rule of faith and practice, evangelical Christians stand opposed to sacerdotalism which places the authority in the church and centers it in an infallible Pope, Dr. Ockenga said.

Evangelical authority is also opposed to that of modernism which places it in the human mind, he said, as well as that of neo-orthodoxy "represented by a whole roster of modern theologians from Brunner to Tillich."

"Neo-orthodoxy makes a shambles of the Bible and yet declares that it still believes we encounter the living Word of God in the Bible," he charged.

"Evangelical Christians are united by their high view of the Bible and are thus separated from all others. It is the fundamental authority which binds them together.

"The emphasis or central point of religious controversy in our day is not baptism, or the Holy Spirit or predestination, but one's attitude toward the Word of God. Those churches which have taken an unequivocal stand upon the Word of God have emerged as evangelical leaders," Dr. Ockenga pointed out.

Touching upon theological leadership, Dr. Ockenga said that "while the doctrines of the Scriptures are truths which hold their authority unto this day, we need to present them to our day with a new pertinency and a new application. A restatement of them with particular heed to the errors and emphasis of our day is advisable. Whereas a hundred years ago the evangelical church stood solidly against slavery, today its theology must be applied against the slave state of Communism and of creeping socialism.

Declaring that an evangelical leader must be an ecclesiastical leader, Dr. Ockenga said a "movement like the National Association of Evangelicals

must take its place in the ecclesiastical movements of the day."

He warned, however, that "ecumenical unity has become a fetish among certain groups, especially in denominational leadership."

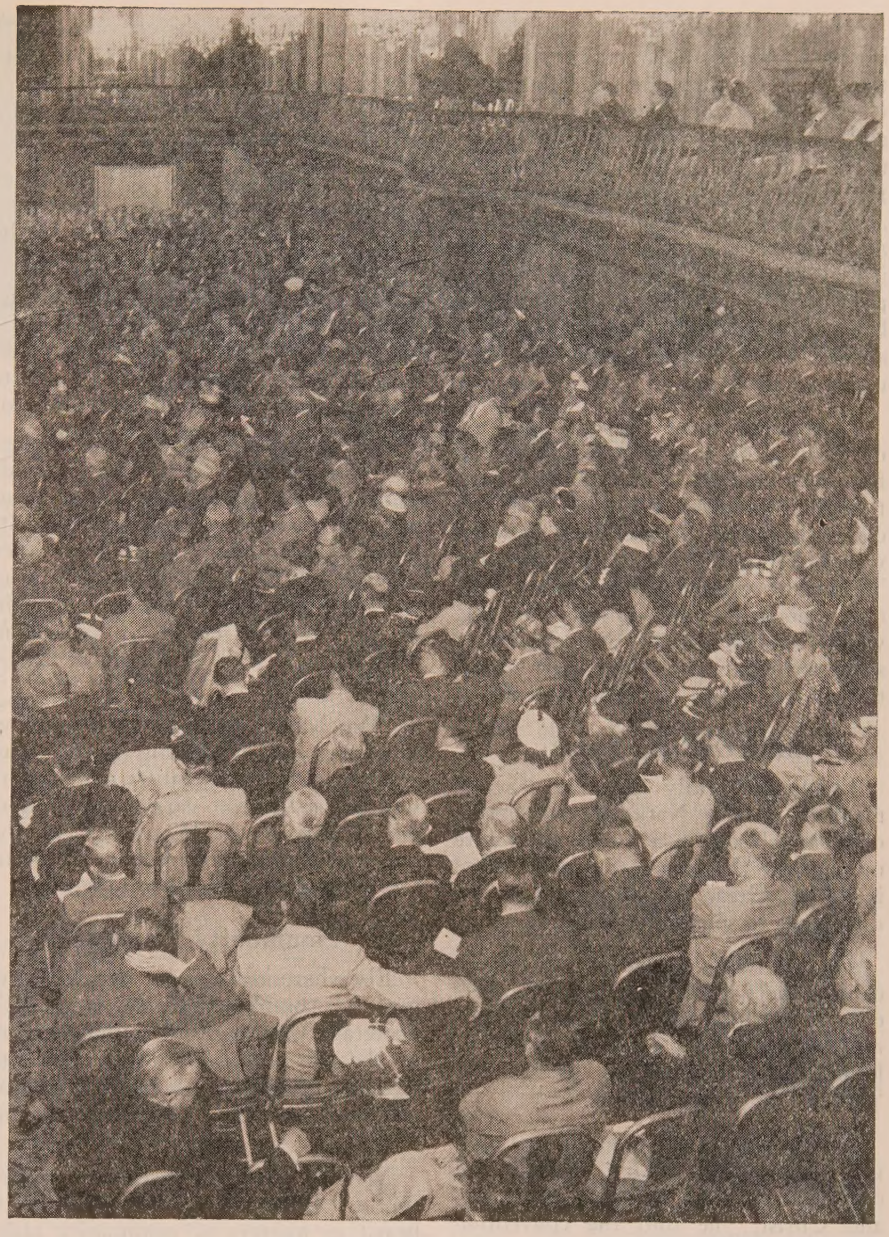
He charged that "an inner contradiction is witnessed among the same ecumenical leaders. They are willing to cooperate on the high level, but they have intensified exclusiveness on the local level. Denominations have become more clannish in their youth work than ever before, while simultaneously calling for cooperation interdenominationally on the ecumenical level.

"Thus in some areas they have almost killed the Christian Endeavor movement."

He said that the effect of the ecumenical movement "upon the local church is to reduce the creeds, to take the edge off conviction, to cooperate in questionable movements and to produce confusion in general.

"Individual churches are asked to go along with mergers which often deny their very heartiest heritage and hope, to say nothing of their convictions. Thus the Episcopalians and the Presbyterians pressed for union, two diverse systems of government. Thus the Evangelical and Reformed church and the Congregational Christian churches pressed for union, which would necessitate the abandonment of one or the other of their ecclesiastical forms."

Wednesday was so filled with good things from outstanding leaders that it was utterly impossible for a reporter to take in one-tenth of it all. We must apologize for the gaps which appear in our coverage.



Cross Section of an Evening Audience in Sherman Ballroom

A General On War

Lt. General William Harrison of the Canal Zone, warm-hearted evangelical and chief of the U. S. Army's Caribbean command, had been invited to speak and had declined. Then he was summoned to the Pentagon for a top level conference, found it possible to get to Chicago, and spoke to a large audience in the Sherman Ballroom on "Christianity and War in Our Times."

"In a war involving atomic or other weapons of similar destructive power, if the defending country is able to withstand the initial attacks and retaliate, the resulting destruction may eliminate or greatly reduce the ability of both sides to produce and utilize modern weapons and equipment," the general pointed out.

"The hope of final victory reinforced by the hatreds engendered by the atomic destruction and by fatalistic despair as to life itself will probably keep them fighting until one side wins or both are exhausted," he said. "In such case, the possession of controversial means of combat may well decide the issue finally."

He said the knowledge of current atomic weapons "should cause all decent people everywhere to do all that is reasonable and honorable to seek and preserve peace."

"No one can assert that a particular war is inevitable because so many things might occur to alter the course of events, but it can be safely assumed that war as a general and recurring human activity is an inevitable characteristic of the world system, because there is no known way of preventing aggression," Harrison said.

"The only way by which mankind could eliminate war would be for them to repent, to turn back to God," the military leader told the convention. "Since men remain rebels against God, they can never stop war."

He pointed to Bible prophecies which state that the "period immediately preceding the end of this age and the second advent of Christ will include great wars with the terrible sufferings that accompany war, famines, pestilences and death."

"In view of the known facts of war as they confront men today, the attempt to give these passages of the Bible any other than their obvious literal meaning is in my opinion utterly unjustified," he said, adding: "The course of civilization is toward self-destruction—only God can prevent its totality."

In relation to the Christian church and war, Gen. Harrison said:

"The Christian and the Church live in this world now. What course shall they chart for themselves in relation to war? Clearly they must be for peace and against aggression since they are told to live in peace with others as far as it is within their own power. And since God is absolutely sovereign. and can overrule the evil plans of men, it may be that the Christian prayer for peace will be answered. It must also be recognized that God may not so answer their prayers, that war may come.

"Christians must face the question of what to do if war comes. Fighting for one's country is not murder even though it involves killing. There is a clear distinction in the Bible between war and murder, and there is no New Testament command that the Christian should avoid military service, which entails acts of war. Surely if such participation were in itself sinful, the church would have heard of it."

Billy Graham Speaks

Evangelist Billy Graham, active member of the National Association of Evangelicals, in a direct radio-wire message to the convention said "God is jolting Great Britain out of its indifference to spiritual affairs."

He said religious leaders in Scotland confess there has long been an indifference to spiritual matters, but the current campaign in Glasgow with its hundreds of conversions weekly has "jolted" the entire country.

"Now, wherever you go in Scotland, you find people talking frankly and openly about God, religion, the Bible, and Christ," he told the convention delegates in the transcribed message which was relayed to Chicago by the British Broadcasting Company and the American Broadcasting Company here.

The evangelist said he and his team cannot take the credit, for the "signs of awakening," were evident in Britain three or four years ago.

"This new interest in spiritual things is a symptom of the underlying mood in Great Britain, and has been brought about by the faithful prayers of many persons," Mr. Graham said. He said the willingness of people to make sacrifices in order to attend devotional prayer services in Britain in connection with his meetings has been exceeded only by the interest of the praying congregations he met in Korea.

The world renowned evangelist said he is often called upon to answer the question: "Is there really a spiritual revival taking place in the world today?"

In reply he told the convention: "I am not enough of an historian or theologian to answer that question, but I can say this—we are definitely in a period of awakening."

He then pointed out the views of scientists, politicians and educators that the world's only hope lies in the possibility of a "spiritual awakening."

"In view of these conditions in our world of today, revival should be our business," he told the assembled evangelical church leaders in his 10-minute address from Kelvin Hall, scene of the current campaign in Glasgow.

"I can only say to my many friends in the United States that the awakening which is now taking place in Scotland is God's doing—there is no other answer," Mr. Graham said. "I send you the greetings of hundreds of faithful ministers of the Word of God in Scotland, and from thousands of Christian believers.

"We believe God is just beginning this spirit of awakening in Scotland and that other evangelists and pastors will be raised up to carry it on, leaders who believe in the Word of God, the atonement and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and His second coming."

Community Planning

Elsewhere in this issue we are carrying the complete address of NAE's Secretary George Ford, but no report of the convention would be complete without mention of a very significant reference he made to community planning.

Mr. Ford said the National Association of Evangelicals will seek to be heard in matters of community planning across the nation during the coming year.

"This year will largely determine whether the evangelical churches' voice will be heard guaranteeing the religious liberty that is so much a part of American life, or whether the liberal ecumenical movement will usurp the right of the churches," he said.

"Let me assure you that this is no imaginary threat," Mr. Ford said. "I have seen this plan to usurp the right of the churches. It proposes in many cases the federated churches, the purchase of property by a super-church organization for allocation later according to population developments, and downtown worship centers which would not only take the place of regular Protestant churches but would be headquarters for Catholics and Jews as well.

"Ecumenicity would replace evangelism; the right of propagation which is so basic to religious liberty, would be traded for the doubtful advantages of a non-competitive church life," he charged.

"Bible-believing churches would be forced to a 'hands off' policy in many communities even though the only Protestant churches might deny essential doctrines of Christ and the people be entirely without a true Christian witness," Mr. Ford continued.

The President's Message

Flying thousands of miles from South America to be in the sessions of the Chicago convention, NAE President Henry H. Savage thrilled his audience on Thursday with his optimistic message on evangelical advance.

Throughout the past year Dr. Savage, pastor of the great First Baptist Church, Pontiac, Mich., has given bold and aggressive leadership to the Association. He has injected a new crusading spirit and led the way for expansion at the "grass-roots" level. Fresh from experiences in South America Dr. Savage came to Chicago more convinced than ever of the need of national and international evangelical coperation without compromise.

He told of his observations made in his three-months visit. He reported a changing attitude "for the better" toward evangelical Christians and Protestant groups in countries of South America where there has been persecution during the past six years.

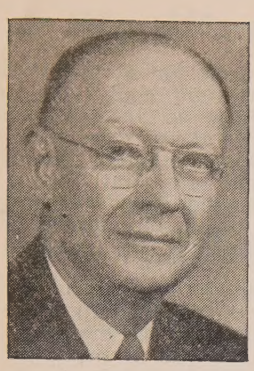
"Even in Colombia, missionaries who originally had visas but were driven out during the peresecution, are now being asked to return," he said. He quoted figures obtained in South America that the 30,000 known evangelical Protestant Christians in Colombia as of six years ago prior to the wave of persecutions have grown in number to 120,000 at the present time.

He also predicted that a growing spirit of nationalism in countries throughout South America will bring about new attitudes and methods on the part of evangelical Protestant missionaries there.

"For instance, the need in Brazil is not so much for new missionaries to do general missionary work as it is to challenge the national church there to send out its own young people for their ministry," he pointed out.

In three months of travel in South American countries, Dr. Savage said he discovered that 85 to 90 per cent of the people, in spite of being nominally Catholic, "have a universal distrust and disrespect for their clergy."

"I can say without fear of contra-



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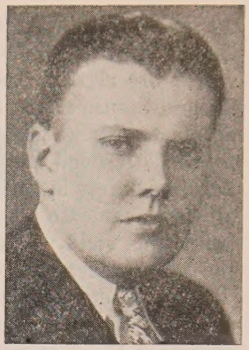

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diction that many, many South Americans have faith in the Church, but not in its leadership," he said. "There is also resentment among the nationals that many of the leading priests of Latin America are not nationals, but are sent over from Spain and Italy with instructions as to what they should do and say."

In an assessment of Communism as one of the ideologies opposing evangelical Christianity, Dr. Savage defined it as "primarily an abortive attempt upon the part of Satan to establish his prophesied reign of terror upon earth before the appointed time."

He said neither military power nor diplomatic strategy will prevail against "this abortive attempt to take over the world at the present time, for Satan is not defeated that way. God alone is equal to the impending emergency." He then asked evangelical Christians to establish new areas of prayer life and ministry as "the most valuable asset to the welfare of the country."

In defining evangelical distinctions for the constituency, Dr. Savage said "any religious system that professes to be Christian, and yet fails to give to the Lord Jesus Christ the place of supreme exaltation, such as the Bible gives Him, must be classified as being guilty of compromise, and cannot be considered as being evangelical."

Answering the question of why the National Association of Evangelicals is necessary from a Protestant point of view, Dr. Savage said:

"A creedal statement is absolutely necessary to define Christianity. To omit the word 'believe' from the New Testament revelation, would mean to divorce New Testament Christianity from any serviceable or any spiritual significance.

"Since the only statement of faith of the National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches is so inane that a Unitarian, or an apostate from the faith can easily consent to it, then it does not provide a fellowship for Bible believers.

"Further, the idea of an ecumenicity that would ultimately demand universal allegiance in the religious world is repudiated by many sincere Christians in these councils. The fact remains, however, that for many other members, this is the underlying motive back of the formation of a super-church. The federal union of all churches, which is the dream of Dr. E. Stanley Jones, is in that direction."

Simultaneous Conferences

The casual visitor at the Sherman Hotel might not have known that much of the convention was on except between sessions when the lobbies, the restaurants and the halls were jammed. The day sessions resembled a beehive. Everybody was busy in twenty-some conference rooms and workshops which honeycombed two floors of the hostelry. After all, the NAE is a growing *service organization* offering evangelicals increasingly efficient ways and means of doing things which can be done better together than separately. Specialists in many fields of Christian endeavor were thinking, praying, planning and working together these days in Chicago. The impact of all this will become increasingly apparent as the days pass.

For instance, the Commission on Church Schools and its organizational counterpart, The National Sunday School Association, had its daily meetings considering ways and means of revitalizing the American Sunday school movement. In fact this group had a miniature Sunday school convention. Over two hundred people whose names will not appear in the registration figures attended the simultaneous conferences to learn how to do a better job as superintendents, teachers and workers in local Sunday schools. Some of the outstanding experts in this field were in Chicago for the NAE convention and their "know how" was made available to many new people who had never before heard of either the NAE or the NSSA. The people liked it. This arm of the NAE is growing by leaps and bounds. Last year was its greatest year and the NSSA is now promoting a program twice as large for the year ahead.

The resurgent Sunday school movement in America may have more to do with the nation's future than clever diplomacy said Dr. Harold Erickson of Rockford, Ill., president of the National Sunday School Association.

"The tomorrow of our nation is of the greatest concern to our statesmen and to every leader in civic and religious life," Dr. Erickson said. "The president of the United States and his colleagues seem to sense that our tomorrow is bound up with moral and spiritual issues far more than with clever diplomacy."

Assessing the current growth of the Sunday school membership of the land at an estimated two million increase yearly, Dr. Erickson pointed out that the Sunday school is directly related to the moral situation in the present world.

He said the vitality of the Sunday school movement is based upon its heritage of "proclaiming a message from God, concerning the saving mission of Jesus Christ and the personal choice of the individual," and the methods of Christ, whom he described as "the master Teacher and master psychologist, who met men on every level of their personalities."

World Outreach

Another sectional conference which had overflow crowds was that of the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association. This NAE affiliate now serves some 100 mission boards and one-third of all the Protestant missionaries of the world.

Much of the time at Chicago was consumed in matters of business and

missions strategy. The particular "hot spots" on the missionary map of the world are Africa, India, South America and Southeast Asia. Representatives of the boards at Chicago were in close touch with social, political and religious developments in these areas; many of them came to the convention fresh from the field. The EFMA, under the able leadership of Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, is demonstrating in a marvelous way the value of inter-church cooperation for evangelicals.

The mission sessions closed with an address by Art Glasser, who probably knows more behind-the-scenes facts about the menace of Communism as it affects Christian missions than any other man alive. We hope to carry this significant address in an early number of *Action* magazine.

The National Religious Broadcasters had one of its best conventions. This organization numbers in its membership some 150 network broadcasters—the largest bloc of purchasers of "commercial religious" time in American radio.

The NRB had as its guest in Chicago the distinguished president of the National Association of Radio and Television Broadcasters, Mr. Harold Fellows. Mr. Fellows expressed warmhearted appreciation of the services rendered the radio industry by the NRB. He said they had done much to eliminate "charlatans, whose activities in the early days of broadcasting in some instances mocked the true Word of God."

NARTB's president gave a spirited defense of the industry's attempt to eliminate "improper influences and questionable programs." He said sponsors are giving ear to suggestions by church and civic groups, and that the entire industry has rolled up its sleeves to take an active role with other groups hoping to meet the current problems of delinquency.

Mr. Fellows said that in the past four years there have been 200 separate bills and resolutions offered in Congress to restrict and affect broadcasting.

"Actually the industry has been so busy endeavoring to meet the demands of the various splinter groups that it has been impossible to carry on the kind of continuing campaign of education that we envision," he said.

He told the evangelical churchmen that the national codes set up for broadcasting and television are not designed to "thwart or restrain the activity of any sincere minister or group from spreading the word of faith."

NRB Challenges Pope

NRB leaders had deeply resented the diatribe against evangelical radio and TV broadcasters launched by Dr. Liston Pope, dean of the Yale Divinity School, and prominent leader of the National Council of Churches, at the council's recent annual broadcasting conference (see *Action,* April 1). They replied in an Open Letter to Dr. Pope which has been widely copied in the daily newspapers. The complete text follows:

Dear Dr. Pope:

The National Religious Broadcasters, Inc. in annual session of the Board of Directors at the Hotel Sherman in Chicago on April 19 unanimously approved this communication being addressed to you, and copies dispatched to certain leaders of the National Council of Churches.

Our reason for this action is that it was most unfortunate that you were given the opportunity of attacking evangelical radio broadcasters and telecasters at the annual broadcasting conference of the National Council of Churches in New York city. We cannot remain silent in the face of this criticism. We challenge your irrational reactions relative to evangelical radio messengers whose ministries have received the overwhelming endorsement of millions of Americans.

Your unwarranted assertions cannot be sustained by factual proof. They reveal one of the reasons why most evangelical radio and television broadcasters do not have organic fellowship with the National Council of Churches. You have done much harm to yourself and the Christian cause in a time when there should be closer fellowship between brethren in Christ.

We are amazed that a man of your standing and intelligence would make the wholesale accusation that:

(1) Evangelicals "are guilty of biblical distortion" and substitute "an evangelical jargon" for "real understanding and full-orbed presentation of the biblical message—confusing convulsions and conversions."

(2) Evangelicals "appallingly" sentimentalize and emaciate "sincere well-founded and full-ranging Christian faith."

(3) Protestantism is so impoverished and sterile that its "mystical hope" of a "Protestant equivalent of Bishop Sheen is an unworthy delusion."

(4) Evangelicals have a concept of the Christian home "which is one of the best arguments for celibacy advanced since the Middle Ages."

Evangelical Broadcasters are loyal to the divinely inspired Word of God and under no circumstance would knowingly distort one word of Holy Scripture.

Millions of Bible-believing Protestants by their prayers, letters, listening habits, and sacrificial gifts are constantly reaffirming the fact of that loyalty.

As to "convulsions for conversions" we point humbly to the thousands in all walks of life whose lives have been transformed through faith in the Eternal Christ whom we preach. This work of the redemption of mankind could not be the result of an appallingly sentimentalized and emaciated Gospel.

There is no need for a "mystical hope" of a Protestant equivalent to Bishop Sheen. It is an accomplished fact. For a number of years two members of the National Religious Broadcasters, Inc., have consistently maintained larger radio and television coverage. (We refer to the broadcasts of Dr. Billy Graham and The Lutheran Hour.)

You poured out your scorn on the televised portrayal of a Christian home in which God is honored and the teaching of His Word sets the standard for Christian living. Yet such homes continue to produce honest, industrious, and God-fearing Christian citizens. Therefore, your irresponsible generalities are a disservice to church and nation.

Our past-president received sincere queries from responsible ministers in the National Council of Churches during his tenure of office, asking why National Religious Broadcasters, Inc. did not have more fellowship with the NCC. YOU HAVE GIVEN THE ANSWER. YOU HAVE REVEALED THE REASON. These uncharitable attitudes confirm the reason why it is impossible and impractical for our membership to have affiliation with the National Council of Churches.

Official presentation of the new brochure published by NRB, *Militant Liberty,* was made to its members at Chicago. The basic outline of this document was presented to the NRB last year at Cleveland by John C. Broger, president of the Far Eastern Broadcasting Company. Since that time Mr. Broger's "strategy for a worldwide spiritual offensive" has interested the United States government to the extent that he has been made a consultant on Psychological Warfare to the Joint Chiefs of Military Staff in the Pentagon. At a joint meeting of the NRB and International Christian Leadership in the Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D. C., last February, this basically Christian strategy for psychological warfare was strongly endorsed. Thus NRB, through one of its distinguished members, has made an outstanding contribution to the nation in its hour of need. Again, *responsibility in leadership and service* on the part of the NAE and its associated agencies!

New Sense of Responsibility

In the many meetings of the Board of Administration this sense of *responsibilty* was constantly to the fore. As we indicated in our Cleveland Convention report last year, the past three years have been crisis years in the history of the NAE. However, at no time in this period has any spirit of defeatism been apparent. During the past year, under the leadership of Dr. Henry H. Savage and Rev. George Ford there has been a realistic reappraisal of the organization and its pro-

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A Significant Chicago Address --

That They May See

GEORGE L. FORD

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THE philosophy of despair that is so prevalent today was rather well summed up some years ago by William Henley as "the night that covers me, black as the pit from pole to pole." With 820,000,000 people engulfed in the darkness of Communism and millions more despairing of hope for the world, with the blindness of sin on every hand, there is much that might cause us to describe today's world as "dark as the pit."

But the greater tragedy is that we have made so little spiritual advance that man today has no better answer, by and large, than Henley had half a century or more ago. Confident that the answer is the "unconquerable soul" of man, determined to maintain the mastery of his fate without divine help, man follows on in the way of frustration and failure. Even as civilization threatens to crumble he refuses to call for divine reinforcement.

How different is the formula of Christ in the Sermon on the Mount. He had withdrawn from the multitudes to a place of quiet upon the mountainside. Here, shut away from the crowd for awhile, free from the heckling of the Pharisees, He shares with those who love and follow Him some of the sacredness of the life of sacrifice.

Our Lord's answer to the darkness of the world was and is the Light of God. His formula for spreading the Light is: "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill can not be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

This is not the light of humanism. We can not dispel the darkness about us with the glow of human achievement. It is rather our glorious privilege to show forth the light of God to the world. Our own souls must first be kindled with "that flame of sacred fire that shone so bright in saints of old" before we can bring spiritual enlightenment to others.

But our Lord speaks not only of the light, but of the candlestick, which lifts the light above obstructions, and gathers the candles together for greater brilliance and more effectiveness. This, in the providence of God, is the function of the NAE. The light is in the lives of Christians and the ministry of the churches. It shines forth from the Bible schools and Christian colleges—it is carried to other lands by consecrated missionaries. But all of these depend, in one way or another, on the candlestick, which of itself is worthless, but which, nevertheless, is uniquely essential in getting the light of God to sin-darkened hearts.

It is not at all important for the candles to be all alike, or of the same size, or of the same color. The important thing is that they should show forth the light of God, lifted above the obstructions of misunderstandings, fear, and doubt that sometimes enshrouded the evangelical cause before we learned that there is indeed a way of cooperation without compromise.

This, then, is why we are here. Not to organize a great program, not to set up a lot of machinery, not to replace the legitimate activities of the churches, not to obliterate the denominational lines and distinctives; but rather that the NAE may be the candlestick that will give prominence to every ray of Gospel light.

This convention itself is a part of the strategy for accomplishing this purpose. The advertising that has gone out, the contacts that have been made, the letters that have been written, the tireless effort of the many who have worked to make possible this convention of conventions, all witness to the unity that Bible-believing Christians have in Christ. The world is seeing and is beginning to understand that evangelicals have discovered *real* Christian unity. The impact of the evangelical witness upon our government and other governments testifies that we have, in a measure at least, removed our light from under the bushel and placed it on the candlestick.

But we must not be concerned alone with the brilliance that may be obtained by combining our light on the national level. It must be seen in every city and village of our land. The light is there. Evangelical churches are standing without question for the revealed Word of God. But too often each light flickers on alone, obscured not only by the darkness of sin, but also by the unnatural barriers of presumptuous liberals who have convinced the community that Protestants are all alike; that there is no difference between the church which, having denied the essential doctrines of Christ, has deteriorated into a religious club, and the church that still maintains the true evangelical witness.

We do not need to change the light. We only need to lift it above the obstruction and place it on the candlestick so all may see. This can be done as evangelicals learn how to stand together for righteousness within their own communities.

Realizing the necessity of the evangelical witness on the local level the NAE has encouraged, this past year, the organization of more local fellowships. The response has indicated that Bible-believing Christians of America have been waiting for such an opportunity and that soon the light of God will be shining forth more brightly because they are learning how to stand and work and pray together.

The link between action on the national level and action on the local level is the region. That this has been recognized since the early days of the NAE is demonstrated by the fact that various attempts have been made to formulate a workable plan of cooperation between the national and the regional organizations. It is only natural that in the formative stages of a movement such as ours there should be experimentation, and we have just cause to feel that through the testing period has evolved a system that shows promise of being the workable plan of taking NAE to the grass roots.

Last May the regional charter plan was launched. Formulated from suggestions originating in the regions and after study and consultation with both regional and national leaders, it is an attempt to provide the autonomy of regional operation that will encourage development and yet maintain the oneness of the movement and complete identity of the program.

While the operation these past eleven months has not been all we would have desired, when we consider the circumstances under which the program has thus far been tested we can be thankful that God has given a real measure of success. Cooperation has been excellent and confidences have been established which should prove most beneficial. God is now giving us men to step into the gaps so that we can anticipate a steady development throughout the country.

Because the charter plan places the responsibility for the financial success upon the area assigned, we are free to encourage and foster the establishment of new regions. This has been one of our main objectives this past year and some real progress has been made. The Central Region, comprising Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Colorado, has been established and has employed a regional director who will begin work in September. The Great Lakes Region, consisting of Michigan and Ohio with some possible future expansion, is organized and anticipates operation by fall. The Eastern Region, covering the states of Pennsylvania, New York, and New Jersey, is moving toward organization with final action set for May 31. They, too, are expecting to secure a director and begin full time operation in the fall. The Ontario, Canada, Region has been organized and is looking forward to the time when they, too, can operate a regular regional program. In New England it has been possible, because of the provisions of the charter plan, to tie in the New England Fellowship more closely, since they can now operate under the charter plan without curtailing the various activities which have been so long a part of the work in New England.

With these additions to our existing regional program we will have eight regions in operation with perhaps a more limited program in Ontario, thus covering all of the nation except the southern states. This is the key to the grass roots movement of the NAE, for if we are to make articulate the unvoiced churches throughout the country someone must be close enough to the local situation to promote and develop the work. Since we are not a council of churches and since the churches of our constituency carry heavy responsibilities for evangelism and missions, it has not proved practical for a local organization to establish an office and employ a director. But, where a larger area can be covered by one man who can counsel, encourage, and stimulate, the light is lifted and the community begins to see the way of truth.

The year ahead may be a trying one for the national, for as three new regions begin to function almost simultaneously it will mean that funds coming from the newly organized areas will pass through the regional offices. Where the national formerly received the entire contributions from that area, two-thirds wil remain in the region and one-third will come to headquarters. We are well aware that the regions will be assuming a heavy portion of the work load, and this will help. We are aware also that as the regions begin to function properly the financial response will increase and eventually the national will profit rather than lose. But we must this year be dedicated to a very careful operation until the regions are well established and the finances are stabilized.

The year ahead will also be one of strategic opportunity—opportunity which we must accept in the light of the impelling urgency of these times.

This year will largely determine, for instance, whether the evangelical voice will be heard in matters of community planning, guaranteeing the religious liberty that is so much a part of American life or whether the liberal ecumenical movement will usurp the right of the churches. Let me assure you that this is no imaginary threat. I have seen their plan. It proposes in many cases the federated churches, the purchase of property by a super-church organization for allocation later according to population developments, and downtown worship centers which would not only take the place of regular Protestant churches but would be headquarters for Catholics and Jews as well. Ecumenicity would replace evangelism: the right of propagation, which is so basic to religious liberty, would be traded for the doubtful advantages of a non-competitive church life: Bible-believing churches would be forced to a hands off policy in many communities even though the only Protestant churches might deny every essential doctrine of Christ and the people be entirely without a true Christian witness. We have the opportunity now to do something about this but unless we keep our light clear and distinct, both nationally and locally, the opportunity will soon pass and the light of the Gospel be shut out of many communities.

The conflict of darkness and light is not new. It is old as the history of man. But where those who have had their hearts set aflame with the fire of God have been willing to hold the light high it has penetrated the shadows and transformed lives. Such was the case in 1812 when Andoniram Judson carried the light of the Gospel to Burma, into spiritual darkness that threatened to extinguish not only the light but his life as well. After twenty years of mostly suffering and discouragement, he began to write home that the light was breaking and many were accepting Christ. Samuel Smith, who was later to give his own son to labor in the same field, also gave the world a great missionary hymn which took up the strains of Judson's letter. Our faith for the salvation of souls in heathen darkness is lifted as we sing, "The morning light is breaking, the darkness disappears, the sons of earth are waking in penitential tears."

But as great as was the darkness in Judson's day, as black as the night of sin has been in other ages, we are inclined to feel that in our day of growing darkness, when men and nations are turning away from the light, the need for the Gospel is even greater. For in this day, when man can build bigger bombs than he dare test, when each preparation for security creates a greater feeling of insecurity because of the awfulness of the work of man's hands, we are indeed living on the threshold of disaster. Unless we lift high now the light which God has given us, placing it on the candlestick so all may see—they may never see.

This is the challenge of Christ to us today: "Let your light so shine—that they may see."

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gram, its financial structure, its service agencies, etc. Ably assisting in this undertaking were Dr. Paul Petticord, Rev. Rufus Jones, Mr. Kenneth Keyes, Mr. Seth Rohrer and others.

A new Charter Plan has been initiated through which Regional Offices of the NAE have been given much larger freedom of operation and promotion at the "grass roots." The organization of new regions has been encouraged, as well as that of local associations of evangelicals. The central headquarters retains its right to screen policy, personnel and program but greater liberty is accorded for regional and local development in the light of the needs of the field.

NAE Convention Resolutions

Envoy to the Vatican

Whereas the American conscience has resisted the appointment of an envoy or an ambassador to the Vatican as inconsistent with the cherished principle of separation of church and state, and

Whereas there are recent indications of a mellowing in the assurances of our governmental leaders that no such appointment will be ventured, and a readiness to condone and approve such an appointment when and if, in the opinion of certain governmental authorities it becomes politically expedient,

Therefore be it resolved that we, the members of the National Association of Evangelicals, voice it as the unanimous sentiment of our nation-wide constituency that such preferential regard for a sectarian religious movement would compromise our American tradition, and that we urge our national leaders to remain firm in their resolves and assurances that no such envoy wil be designated, either as an official or as a personal representative of our elected officials and the people.

Religious Liberty

Whereas the confused political situation of the world has produced an environment hostile to religious liberty in many areas of the world, and

Whereas many governments of the world have been willing to overlook the abrogation of the principles of the free practice of religion, and

Whereas our evangelical minorities around the world have been among the principal victims of vicious religious discrimination, and

Whereas the Department of State of the United States of America has not only been attentive to all protests made by the NAE Office of Affairs on behalf of our American evangelicals abroad whose rights have been infringed upon, but has also taken all possible steps to extend the principles of religious freedom to areas where religious intolerance prevails;

Therefore be it resolved that this Association at its Thirteenth Annual Convention held in Chicago, Illinois, this 21st day of April 1955, express its sincere appreciation to the Secretary of State and his able assistants for their fearless action in the defense of these basic rights of men, their most priceless heritage from their Creator.

One of the most encouraging developments is the new Undergirding Program headed by Kenneth Keyes, successful realtor of Miami, Fla. With him are associated a number of evangelical laymen who see this new evidence of responsibility in leadership and service as a challenge to their larger financial support. These men are already spearheading the Undergirding Program in key spots across the nation.

A new appreciation of the contribution being made to the evangelical movement by our official journal, *United Evangelical Action,* was seen in the recommendation of Secretary Ford that full financial and executive responsibility for this operation be accepted by the NAE. Hitherto it has been somewhat of an "orphan." Now it will be further integrated into the total program with a functioning Publication Committee, whose chairman will be a member of the Board of Administration. It is possible that much of the business operation now carried on in the Cincinnati office will be transferred to Wheaton, thus enabling a closer liaison with the regional directors and a more vigorous promotion of circulation at the "grass roots" level.

Organizational Changes

The old standing committee on policy was discontinued leaving the Board of Administration free to appoint special committees on policy as occasion shall from time to time require.

All commissions and affiliates of the NAE were requested to mention in a routine manner in their literature and general promotion, their connection with the Association. The president and associate executive director were authorized to follow through on this request.

The Board of Administration insisted that each commission of a regular and continuing nature, as far as possible, stay out of the operational field, confining itself to serving the churches and individual evangelicals. Sometimes an NAE regional will be able to implement for the local evangelical constituency some specific enterprise, depending upon direct and immediate support for the project from the constituency thus served, but if and when such a project calls for a more general solicitation in order for its continuation, then serious question will be raised as to its continuance by the NAE.

The Committee on Organizational Structure was continued and given the further responsibility of studying the relationships of the NAE with its regional organizations, as well as with its commissions and affiliated groups and of reporting in due time its findings and recommendations.

Minor changes in organizational structure approved at Chicago included: The combination of the Christian Crusaders Commission with the Laymen's Advisory Council; the name of the continuing commission to be the Laymen's Advisory Council. The areas of evangelism, home missions and church extension were assigned to a single commission to be called the Commission on Evangelism and Church Extension. The Commission on Evangelical Faith was discontinued and the Commission on Education was asked to take a specific interest in this field of study.

Constructive Self-criticism

Evangelical leaders are developing an encouraging ability to criticize themselves and their organization without becoming carping objectors and blocks in the wheels of progress. In the early days of the movement some intense individualists branded everything which did not fit in to their preconceived patterns of thought and practice as anathema. These men have largely withdrawn to their splendid isolation. Now the criticism one hears in the lobbies and over the tables in the restaurants is constructive and helpful and should be carefully considered by the leadership of the Association.

Many evangelicals believe the na-

tional convention should be moved about the country, so that it may become a means of information and promotion for the evangelical cause, as well as a place for the transaction of important business. One problem faced by the Convention Committee, of course, is the location of a hotel with accommodations for a "convention of conventions." However, the National Sunday School Association, with some forty conferences and workshops, much larger than NAE's simultaneous meetings, is able to move about the country leaving a trail of new Sunday School associations state and local. At Minneapolis the NSSA made contacts with over 10,000 people in its national gathering. It can be done if the commission and agency leaders are willing to put up with a little inconvenience for the good of the cause.

There is a feeling, ably expressed by President Savage, that the NAE needs better public relations. To this end he feels that we should advertise in magazines of wide circulation in the religious field. Steps are being taken to provide news releases to the evangelical press. This marks progress. But the NAE, as an inter-church body which serves 10,000,000 American Protestants is practically unknown in the daily press. We have a story to tell to the nation. The time is especially propitious with the turn to biblical Christianity. Many feel that we should not "sin away our day of grace" in getting our cause before the people in a constructive manner.

Now and again there is the criticism that the Calvinist viewpoint is smothered in a plethora of Pentecostal and Holiness predominance. Some say that there ought to be more Presbyterian, Baptist and Reformed leadership in key positions. A review of the history of the organization will show that there has been a fine balance maintained between these evangelical camps and the spirit of goodwill and unity has been a remarkable demonstration of the ability of men of different viewpoints to work together in basic doctrinal agreement. Possibly we are prone to so completely forget our denominational labels in the good fellowship of the NAE that we do not sufficiently consider this important matter of balance.

The National Association of Evangelicals is growing up. It is becoming a thoroughly responsible organization. It stands for principles which are becoming more and more widely accepted in the religious world. It is not a "splinter" group that is so reactionary and unregenerate that it cannot take its rightful evangelical place in the ecumenical scene. It is growing in numbers and stature. The Chicago convention marked a new day, a better day for the evangelical cause. From this vantage point we shall go on to new victories for Christ and the Church!

Election of Officers

The three top officers of the Association were reelected for terms of one year in the closing business sessions. Dr. H. H. Savage, for thirty-two years pastor of First Baptist church Pontiac, Mich., was reelected president. Dr. Paul P. Petticord of Portland, Ore., of the Evangelical United Brethren church, was reelected first vice president and Rev. Ralph M. Riggs of Springfield, Mo., General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God churches, was renamed second vice president. A Wheaton College professor, John Luchies, of the Christian Reformed church, was elected as NAE secretary; and Robert Van Kampen, layman of the Wheaton, Ill. Evangelical Free church and evangelical religious publisher, is the new treasurer.

The complete roster of elected and appointed leaders for 1955-56 follows—

OFFICERS

President, H. H. Savage, Pontiac, Michigan, Conservative Baptist.
First Vice President, Paul P. Petticord, Portland Oregon, Evangelical United Brethren.
Second Vice President, Ralph M. Riggs, Springfield, Missouri, Assembly of God.
Secretary, John Luchies, Wheaton, Illinois, Christian Reformed.
Treasurer, Robert Van Kampen, Wheaton,, Illinois, Evangelical Free.

BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION

Class of 1958

Theodore Oegema, Grand Rapids, Michigan, Reformed Church; Cyril Steinman, Atlanta, Georgia, Christian and Missionary Alliance; Howard Ferrin, Providence, Rhode Island, Independent; Frank W. Smith, Des Moines, Iowa, Open Bible Standard; Gerald B. Smith, St. Paul, Minnesota, Independent; Roy Hollomon, Topeka, Kansas, Southern Baptist; Robert Walker, Wheaton, Illinois, Bible Church; Robert G. Lee, Memphis, Tennessee, Southern Baptist; J. P. McCallie, Chattanooga, Tennessee, Presbyterian US; Henry Hutchins, Pasadena, California, Congregational; Howard Tucker, Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania, Presbyterian USA; Alan Redpath, Chicago, Illinois, Independent; P. W. DuBose, Dellwood, Florida, Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches; Fred P. Thompson, Jr., Chicago, Illinois, Disciples of Christ.

Class of 1957

E. Van Halsema, Holland, Mich., Christian Reformed.

Evangelism and Church Extension

Jared Gerig, Chairman, Missionary Church Association; Dean Gregory, Oregon Yearly Meeting of Friends; Rufus Jones, Conservative Baptist; Joseph Kimble, United Missionary Church; Huston R. Morehead, Church of God; J. Palmer Muntz, Independent Baptist; Gayle Lewis, Assembly of God; J. R. Swaguer, Wesleyan Methodist; Robert Stansfield, Independent Baptist; Paul S. Rees, Mission Covenant Church; Charles Leaming, Open Bible Standard; LeRoy Gager, Conservative Baptist; Alan Redpath, Independent.

Education Commission

Merrill C. Tenney, Chairman; Byron Osborne, Vice-Chairman; Wilbur Dayton, Secretary; Frank Gaebelein, Projects Committee Chairman.

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Division of Colleges

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Division of Seminaries

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E. C. Dyrness, Chairman; Mark Fakkema; Frank Gaebelein; P. W. DuBose; Robert McQuilkin.

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Army and Navy Chaplains

O. L. Harrup, Chairman; Douglas G. Scott; Clyde W. Taylor; W. L. Koons; Charles Leaming; Lester Westlund; A. S. Taylor; Ray Stewart; Percy Ricketts; Doane A. Reahm.

Evangelical Foreign Missions Association

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Christianity and Economic Crisis

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Consider the question of private property. Assuredly it is implied by the Mosiac Law, presupposed and defended in the Old Testament, not repudiated but rather assumed by Jesus Christ. Nowhere in the New Testament is there a hint that property distinctions are sinful, and that a Christian believer is one who repudiates the legitimacy of private property. Christianity has no trace of the superficial view that sin is a matter simply of unequal property balances in society, and it knows a strategy of social reform far superior to the mere redistribution of property.

Yet Hebrew-Christian revelation sponsors no platform of absolute property ownership. Whatever man has, is his only as a responsible loan from the Creator, who never renounces His own interest in the material elements of man's economic life, and who holds man accountable for a responsible stewardship.

The biblical view is not that of man's absolute dominion over the space-time world, whether the part or the whole. The cattle on a thousand hills remain His by right of creation and preservation. The Mosaic law had safeguards—and the Gospel can hardly ask for less—against the selfish, inconsiderate and irresponsible use of property. Even the owner of that ass braying by the dusty road that leads from Bethany to Jerusalem could be reminded: "The Lord hath need of him." And Joseph of Arimathea's private tomb was available three days and nights for the Lord's use, who had even in death no other place to lay His head.

Private property gives to every individual an opportunity to indicate whether or not he desires to objectify his will in the control of material possessions in the service of God and in the service of mankind. Two great concerns stand in the forefront of the biblical view of possessions as a stewardship; the use of funds to distribute to the poor, and the use of funds to advance the proclamation of the Gospel. The man who sincerely uses his possessions for the sake of the poor can hardly use them for the exploitation and perpetuation of the poor, or to detract from human dignity. The man who sincerely uses his possessions for the sake of the Gospel can hardly be disinterested in the worth, dignity and rights of his employer or employee. Where it is fully true that "God runs my business," the material good things of life are a stewardship to be used not only to keep body and soul together, but to glorify God in a ministry to one's fellow men.

The biblical handling of the profit motive follows the same pattern. The principle of reward is a legitimate one. Throughout the Bible the good life is represented as divinely rewarded, and it is assumed that the industrious investment of talents and possessions also merits its rewards. But the Bible knows no vindication of the profit motive as an absolute economic principle, abstracted from other areas of life, and depleted of any context of obligations. It vindicates the profit motive, as it does the right of private property, in a specific manner, which presses even upon contemporary Capitalism the spiritual and moral issue: "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" The Bible places the whole subject of profit in a moral and spiritual context; it legitimizes the principle of reward, but bounds it with a stern sense of justice and ethical obligation.

The Nature of The Evangelical Task

Christianity requires more, in the present economic conflict, therefore, than the vindication of Capitalism simply because it is compatible with an emphasis on the value and liberty of the individual, and because it sets out with the ideal of private property and the profit motive. To do no more would inexcusably prolong the illusion that economic justice can be attained while the spiritual fact of sin and man's need of moral redemption are concealed. That is to do violence to the facts, as well as to the Christian witness. Human dignity and freedom, private property and profits, can be vindicated when they are part of an economic philosophy dedicated to objective justice and changeless moral principle, but graft them onto Renaissance or humanistic conceptions of life and man and they will soon degrade what they profess to protect.

Do not think you serve the cause of Christian social ethics if you defend, as intrinsically Christian, an economic manifestation which is largely rooted in unregenerate humanity, which senses no need of the gift of redemption for the realization of economic justice, but which only formally—if indeed so much dare be said—recognizes the priority of the spiritual and moral question for the solution of the economic crises. Is it not a fair judgment, looking out over the vast sphere of commerce and industry and labor in the capitalistic West today, to declare that if the vice of Communism is that it makes the repudiation of supernatural religion and of changeless moral principles its approach to the economic crisis, the vice of Capitalsim is that it tends to be indifferent to those spiritual and moral verities upon which the tradition of free enterprise depends for its vitality and from which alone it can draw the moral earnestness to justify its survival?

What an evangel is ours to preach and to live, in the midst of these far-reaching and world-shaking economic tensions!

We would remind collectivist and capitalist alike that the real cure of economic ills is inseparable from repentance and the gift of redemption.

We would remind the partisans of free enterprise that the dignity, importance and rights of man are concepts which Hebrew-Christian revelation establishes and bounds by the sovereignty and moral lordship of the Creator-Redeemer God, who imposes upon man unique spiritual obligations and moral duties from which the economic life is not to be divorced.

We would remind the partisans of free enterprise further that the neglect of the cherished Christian doctrine of man's unique creation in the divine image, and of man's prospect of redemption from sin on the ground of Christ's atoning work, issues in speculative and unstable concepts of human dignity and freedom, which conceal the surest alternative to materialistic phi-

losophies of economics, compromise moral earnestness and do not challenge economic injustice and sin from the lofty standpoint of the self-revealing God and His moral commandments and laws.

We would commend the gains made by labor and management which have lightened the grievous vexations of the life of toil for bread, by cooperatively improving the conditions of work and the benefits to society as a whole in enhanced living conditions, as well as to worker and employer, but we would warn against the frustration which overtakes multitudes today in the world of daily work, in which they experience almost no sense of mission, primarily because the modern man has lost the consecration of his labors to the service of God as well as of his fellow man.

We would call upon believers everywhere, as employers and employees, to exemplify the realities of the Christian doctrine of vocation, according to which man is to employ his God-given talents in the service of God and man, and we would beseech them to abstain from seeking a livelihood in enterprises of profit which are culturally deteriorating and to pursue creatively the divinely assigned task of bending the earth to the service of spiritual and moral ends.

We would call upon faithful believers everywhere to set an example of stewardship in the use of wealth and possessions, firstly by the generous support of the Christian evangel in churches recognizing the authority of the sacred Scriptures, and by the support of related evangelical enterprises in missions and Christian education, honoring those institutions and endeavors which have maintained an uncompromising loyalty to the Gospel, and secondly by manifesting a readiness to distribute to the needs of suffering and afflicted humanity, by the support of evangelical agencies of ministry to the poor and needy, and in the support of other programs designed to bring relief to the suffering and afflicted.

We would remind a nation whose heritage is Christian, which has been spared the devastating calamities of other lands, which enjoys instead the highest standard of living in the world, and whose national 1954 disposable income was a record $254 billion dollars, that its national giving of $4½ billion dollars to philanthropies, about half to religious and half to non-religious causes, represents a dedication of less than 2% of income after tax deductions to philanthropies, and of vastly less than that to the preaching of the Gospel. This very paucity of giving is a sober warning that the nation's affections have been alienated from the heritage which has made it strong.

We would bemoan that deterioration of economic responsibility whereby multitudes of our fellow citizens squander toilfully-gained earnings and savings in support of industries such as alcoholic beverages and gambling, which weaken the spirit of a people and cater to their weaknesses rather than elevate them.

We cherish the hope that peace may be achieved in our time, and that a nation which has sacrificed almost incomputably for special military securities in an era of trouble, may negotiate its affairs at home and abroad from the standpoint of spiritual and moral strength, ready to sacrifice as fully for the things of the spirit which endure, as to halt those material foes which destroy.

For the evangelical social task, let us seek divine grace that, in an age of economic imbalance, we shall fail neither God nor the age to which we preach a message of rescue, applying to ourselves and to others those revealed principles by which men and movements are divinely measured. May the circle of the faithful be assured in conscience that its economic theory and practice find their inspiration in the sacred Word. If this be not so, the evangelical movement loses its power in criticism; it dulls its sense of social discernment; it contributes to that cultural turmoil which provokes multitudes easily to grasp at illusory hopes; and it invites a rebuke by its holy Lord. Let us not be found erecting a verbal blockade against collectivism, yet by our works paving a highway of reaction against the church of Christ.

The lessons of recent ecclesiastical history are a warning to us. It required more than economic injustice in a capitalistic order to enable Marxism so quickly to convince so many that religion is an obstacle to the procurement of economic justice. The fact is that religion, even of a supernatural kind—as the Bible fully warns its readers—may deteriorate not merely into silence about sin, but may degenerate into the very service of the evil one. Only something woefully wrong, not in the pagan religions alone, but in the only forms of Christianity which multitudes of human beings knew during the past fifty years in the West, could have lent a zestful edge to the Marxist indictment of all religion. Some disastrous impression of biblical economics must have been given by those whose practice in the world of business and work professed to be Christian, and who could be singled out without protest as the exponents of Christian social theory.

So help us God, let us as evangelicals above all balance accounts with Jesus Christ, who has shown us best how to balance life and its claims with our fellow men.

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1956 Meet in Cleveland

Cleveland, Ohio will again be host to the national convention. The date set for next year's gathering is April 9-13. The Hollenden Hotel, which so well accommodated the convention in 1954, will again be convention headquarters.

Another convention of interest to evangelicals was announced at Chicago.

The triennial conference of the World Evangelical Fellowship will be held in the United States Aug. 27 to 31, 1956. Delegates from all parts of the world will participate in the conference on the campus of Providence-Barrington Bible college, Barrington, R. I.

Now to the departmental reports:

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Clyde W. Taylor, Director

Ten years ago we gave to the Board of the National Association of Evangelicals our first report on the Washington office. With one small room and a staff of two, backed by the prayers of NAE, we started to serve Evangelicals in our nation's capital. With praise in our heart to God we report steady advance, a larger staff, and a consciousness of God's smile upon us.

The total office force today consists of the secretary of affairs, two men assistants, and two secretaries. The office is departmentalized, with one section caring for NAE interests and the other for EFMA and foreign mission matters. Frequently these so intertwine that either or both will be working on the same problem from different angles. Each supplements the other. Each functions for the better interest of the whole. In cases of persecution in our foreign mission fields, NAE takes over to remove any possible retaliation on our mission boards. In travel problems and movement of our home constituents abroad EFMA takes over. In a pinch we pool all resources behind a single problem.

Starting as an unknown agency that even had to spell its name to most government agencies, we are now widely known and our assistance is sought by government departments. Even foreign embassies, going to the State Department for information about religious matters, are frequently referred to us. Evangelicals, once ignored at government conferences and consultations, are now, through this office, represented and vocal. The press, which once ignored evangelicals in American life, now carries (with few exceptions) all the releases that we send them. Today NAE is invited to participate in more national conferences, by people who previously did not even know Evangelicals existed, than we have time and money to attend. Perhaps we haven't "arrived"—but we are on the way. Most important of all, this has been done without compromising for a moment our faith and stand in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Along with this recognition has developed a fund of information and "know how" that cannot be bought. Years of experience with a thoroughly trained staff provides a priceless capital that should not be underestimated. This, combined with the fact that the office operates as a spiritual entity with its daily affairs seasoned with prayer, accounts for the blessings that God has showered upon us.

This last year has seen notable advance and success, due to several factors. For the first time in our history we have achieved the goal of having a full staff. We now have in use all the space available in the office and, for the moment, adequate workers to handle the complex job. The main remaining problem is one that we have created ourselves, which now proves to be too big for us. This is the preparation, distribution, and follow-up of the evangelical ads which are being provided to counteract current publicity released by Knights of Columbus. The preparation of this material eventually fell in the lap of our Washington office. Copy for many of the ads, now limited to thirty, was written by outstanding Evangelicals (preachers or professors) all over America. However, this copy, while excellent, had to be thoroughly revamped to fit the stance, vocabulary, and religious knowledge of the general unconverted public. Donald Gill, Assistant NAE Secretary of Affairs, has shouldered the detail in producing the ads. The first ten have been completed and are being distributed. They are already being run in papers across the country. Next has followed the need of the follow-up material. The Bible Meditation League, in cooperation with our office, is printing (and we trust will distribute) the booklets covering follow-up. The production of these booklets has fallen largely on Mr. Gill, although several outstanding pastors in greater Washington have helped in writing copy. Dr. James DeForest Murch assisted.

We are now faced with producing the twenty additional ads which are being planned, *but* we are not prepared to follow up this program. Our burden of work will not permit us to take on the multiplicity of tasks involved in distributing and directing the follow-up work. Therefore, an additional office, probably in a private home, must be provided to care for this phase of the program. We have placed this in our proposed budget.

The reply booklets will be mailed free. It has been suggested that a simple Bible study course be offered as an additional effort to ground inquirers in the Faith. This will be costly and we wonder if a charge shouldn't be made for the Bible study course. Otherwise, the work could be swamped by the volume of Evangelicals writing in for literature they really do not need.

Other fields of activity in the Office of Affairs include the preparation of material each month that is forwarded to Wheaton for the issuance of a Confidential Letter to our NAE leaders. Semi-monthly Capitol Reports are prepared for printing in *Action* magazine. At the present time a revision of the Congressional Chart is under way to list all new congressmen and identify them religiously as well as in other ways. We hope to have this ready shortly after convention time.

The office endeavors to let no matter involving the separation of Church and State go by without investigation and a possible protest if there are violations. This includes proposed legislation and other action. Recently the Roman Catholic Church made another attempt through Bishop Sheen to get war indemnities for Philippine property that had previously been denied as illegal. This new try was defeated, thanks to timely intervention by our office and others. One grant of about $160,000 that appears legal was made. Over $6,000,000 was refused.

Our office received complaints that Roman Catholics were being subsidized to a very large extent for their work on one Indian reservation in Maine. This type of complaint is always investigated through reliable channels. We found that the State of Maine is paying over $3,000 a year that eventually lands in the treasury of the Roman Catholic Church for the operation of schools on the reservation, but we also discovered that this is done indirectly because of the treaty that the Massachusetts Colony signed with the Indians prior to 1775, which has never been abrogated. It is one of those things, like other early American treaties, about which nothing can be done. The Roman Catholic Church by clever maneuvering was in on the ground floor and safeguarded its privilege by treaty.

Much effort was spent last year in saving the very existence of the Ontario Bible Conference of Oswego, New York. This conference faced being closed due to the intent of the Army to establish an anti-aircraft firing range next door. Our office spent several hundred hours of work with the Armed Services, using every known contact, before they finally reconsidered and moved the range down the lake front. This one incident proved again the sound thinking of our founders when evangelicals got together for the interest and benefit of the whole. NAE furnished the constituency that eventually influenced the Pentagon to change the mind of the First Army that was back of the Oswego firing range.

Within recent months, since the new Congress convened, NAE has attended various hearings of Congressional committees. The last effort along this line was to testify against the present extension of the Military Service Act to make sure that we were not getting a Universal Military Training Act in disguise. Moreover, we were able not only to voice the resolutions of our NAE constituency but also to voice the warning of a strong minority group within the Armed Services who are distressed over the lack of morals and ethics in the Military.

The office continues its endeavor to survey all legislation that is of interest to our evangelicals in those matters that come within our natural prerogative. Helping in this are several other church offices in the capital that cooperate to try and catch everything.

Finally, due to a fortuitous event by which we were supplied with a list of religious books current in all USIA libraries all over the world, we were able to lodge a protest against the great majority of Catholic books and against the fact that all Protestant ones were "liberal." Upon being requested to submit a suggested list of evangelical books and authors, we, assisted by Dr. Wilbur Smith, submitted such a list and have been promised the

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Nigeria Restrictions

The new independent government of Nigeria has recently issued a five-point statement of restrictions which will shortly be placed on all missionaries working among the Moslems in that country.

The new government which is to replace the former British colonial rule of Nigeria has been under pressure by a very vocal Moslem minority. Evidently one of the first steps which is to be taken by the new government is to put the five restrictions on Christian missionaries working among the Moslems, which action is designed to gain favor with the Moslem minority.

The new government is to take office as of July 1, at which time it has been expected that the new restrictions will be put into effect. It has been reported that missionaries seeking to enter Nigeria will be asked to state their agreement to the restrictions and a notification of this fact would be stamped in the missionaries' passports.

The restrictions—five in all—are reported to be as follows:

1. No church or open air meetings will be held in Moslem areas.
2. No teaching of Christian principles will be allowed in any hospitals where Moslems are treated and cared for.
3. No indoctrination of Moslem children in schools will be allowed.
4. No teaching of Christian principles will be allowed in leprosariums where Moslems are treated.
5. No missionary will be allowed to enter a Moslem home or compound for purposes of evangelism.

Not only will these restrictions be imposed on missionaries who seek to enter Nigeria but also upon those now working in the country. This will mean that all hospital and educational work and virtually all missionary work in the Moslem sections of Nigeria will be closed.

Immigration and Congress

Although there are thirty-four committees in Congress (19 in the House and 15 in the Senate) the majority of all bills introduced in Congress are referred to the two Judiciary Committees on each side of the Capitol dome. Most of the bills, of course, are entered in behalf of particular individuals who may either be in or outside of the United States. But many of the other "general bills" being referred to the Judiciary Committees are also on Immigration and Naturalization matters. Some of the pending Immigration bills are so extensive that they would replace the entire 1952 Immigration law—generally referred to as the Walter-McCarran Immigration Act.

Political observers in Washington are generally of the opinion that none of the more extensive proposals to change the Immigration law will be acted upon by this Congress, in spite of strong pressures for such legislation. It is generally agreed, however, that some minor changes to the Immigration law will be made.

The main reason which serves as the basis for supposing that this Congress will not take any action on major changes to the Walter-McCarran Immigration Act is the large number of Senators and Congressmen who helped to pass the law over a Presidential veto and who are still on Capitol Hill in a position to back it up. Nevertheless, there is a very active minority in Congress—led by Representative Emanuel Celler (N.Y.) in the House, and by Senator Herbert Lehman (N. Y.) in the Senate—which attacks the quota system, which is the very basis of the Walter-McCarran Act, as being discriminatory.

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Among the major proposals are bills which would do away with the quota system, change the basis of assurance of jobs in the United States, change the pre-examination procedures, change the availability of undersubscribed quota numbers, and make other similar changes. In addition to these are a flood of other minor proposals.

One omission in the Walter-McCarran Immigration Act concerns missionaries directly. This omission has gone unnoticed for several years and has only recently come to light due to the cases of several missionaries who have been married while overseas to persons of other nationality who would subsequently desire American citizenship. When government employees of other American firms in the extension of the foreign trade of the United States marry overseas, it is possible after the couple has returned to the U.S. to gain "immediate citizenship" for the spouse desiring American citizenship, if it is necessary for them to depart the country in order to carry on their services abroad. Unintentionally the fact that many missionaries would be in a similar position in this regard was overlooked at the time of the original passage of the Act. As yet no bill has been introduced which would rectify this oversight.

Immigration legislation has always been a key issue in the United States and particularly since 1875 when Congress acted to impose limits on immigration. It is likely to continue as a highly contested issue in the future, because of the fact that there are so many groups with particular interests in the field of immigration, which groups are sure to continue to apply pressure toward consideration of their particular interests.

Juvenile Delinquency

The Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Junvenile Delinquency recently began hearings in Washington on the possible effects of crime and violence T.V. programs have on Juvenile Delinquency. Testimony was heard from representatives of the Federal Communication Commission as well as from educators and from the T.V. industry itself.

One of the seven commissioners appointed to the Federal Communications Commission, Frieda B. Hennock, suggested that "remedial steps" should be taken in removing crime and violence from T.V. viewed by teen-agers and children.

Speaking for the T.V. industry, Harold E. Fellows of the National Association of Radio and Television Broadcasters said that the T.V. industry would cooperate with a "campaign to reduce juvenile delinquency."

The Hill Bill

The Hill oil-for-education bill is gaining increased opposition in Washington. This bill sets aside the principle that public funds should be used for public schools only, by omitting the word "public" in describing eligible schools.

One source in Washington reports that there are over 3,900,500 pupils enrolled in Roman Catholic parochial schools during the present school year. This is an increase of 300,000 over the previous year. Editors of Roman Catholic newspapers are acclaiming the omission of the word "public" in the bill which was introduced by Senator Lister Hill of Alabama. The present draft of the bill would open the possibility that the non-public school systems of the nation would become beneficiaries of millions of dollars of revenue from off-shore oil.

Colombian Conflict

Political conflict has arisen in Colombia between Dr. Valois Arce, the rector of the National Library of Colombia and Dr. Vergara, rector of the National University of Colombia. The tension began when Dr. Valois Arce made a statement in a press interview to the effect that Colombia could no longer be considered a Christian nation in light of the many murders in that country and also because of the unfair distribution of the wealth. Dr. Valois Arce went on to say that he considered that the pro-clerical politicians in Colombia should be put out of office.

Following this press interview, arrangements were made for a debate between Dr. Valois Arce and Dr. Vergara of the National University. In making a reply, Dr. Vergara was given ample time in which to enunciate the position of the opposition to the statements made by Valois. In turn, however, Valois was given no time in which to state his case. For this reason, the audience threw their entire support behind Valois and the meeting nearly ended in a riot. One observer at this meeting reported that it was obvious that the audience almost unanimously took the position which Valois had stated in his press conference.

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Maryland Approves Parochial Bus Bill

ANNAPOLIS, Md.—(RNS)— Children attending a new Roman Catholic parochial school in Talbot County next fall will be allowed to ride public school buses to classes as the result of a bill passed by the Maryland legislature. Gov. Theodore McKeldin is expected to sign the measure.

The bill was drafted by a committee of Catholic parents and endorsed by the Talbot County commissioners. It was introduced in the legistlature by the County's representatives.

The measure permits the county commissioners to make provision in their budget for the $44-per-pupil cost of transporting children to the parochial school.

Colonial Daughters Ask For Policy Post Abolition

WASHINGTON, D. C. —(RNS)— President Eisenhower has been asked by the Daughters of American Colonists to abolish the post of chief of religious policy in the United States Information Agency. The group, holding its thirty-fourth annual convention here, said the position violates the separation of Church and State.

The post is now occupied by Dr. D. Elton Trueblood, Quaker author and educator, who maintains liaison between the Voice of America and American church groups. He has general supervision over the religious program carried by the Voice.

The Daughters of American Colonists is a small organization made up of women who can trace their ancestry to holders of land patents in the colonial days. It is not to be confused with the Colonial Dames or Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR).

In another resolution, the Daughters demanded that all funds by tax-exempt organizations and foundations be invested in United States government bonds bought on the open market. They also praised the McCarran-Walters Immigration Act as "the most liberal immigration law in our country's history."

Mennonite Official Wins Battle for US Citizenship

FRESNO, Calif. —(RNS)— Arthur Jost of Reedley, Calif., West Coast administrator for the Mennonite Central Committee, was granted US citizenship in Superior Court here. The action ended a three-year legal battle climaxed in February, 1954, by a ruling of the US Supreme Court directing the State of California to grant Mr. Jost's citizenship application. It is believed to be the first citizenship application contested under the McCarran Act of 1950 to be granted.

Federal Naturalization Examiner J. S. Hemmer told the court that Mr. Jost, whose earlier applications had been rejected because he refused on religious grounds to agree to bear arms for his country, will be permitted to take an oath swearing to support and defend the Constitution. No reference will be made in the oath to bearing arms or doing non-combatant work in the case of a national emergency, Mr. Hemmer said.

Mr. Jost, a native of Canada and a member of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church, served four years during World War II as a conscientious objector in civilian forestry camps and hospitals.

He said here that his refusal to take part in war, directly or indirectly, is based on pacifist teachings of his Church "which go back to its founding in the sixteenth century."

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Post Office Reverses Ban On "Catholic Imperialism"

WASHINGTON, D. C. —(RNS)— The United States Post Office Department has withdrawn a ban on the book "Catholic Imperialism and World Freedom" by Avro Manhattan, which it had declared to be non-mailable matter.

Abe McGregor Goff, solicitor of the Department, informed Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State that "the matter has been reviewed and I have decided to reverse the original ruling."

The Protestant group had protested the ban against the British volume, contending that it was based on a technicality in the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938. It argued that the same book, if published in the United States, could go through the mail without hindrance.

The book was held to be "political propaganda . . . designed to promote in the United States racial, religious, or social dissensions."

POAU, in a letter to the Post Office Department, declared that President Eisenhower, during the controversey over "book burnings" in US information offices, had volunteered the information that he kept on his bookshelf in the White House a volume embodying Marx's *Das Kapital* and Engel's *Communist Manifesto.*

Baptist University Head Favors UMT

SHAWNEE, Okla. —(RNS)— Universal military training is "the only procedure the nation can follow" in order to maintain both our national strength and "our social democratic structure," Dr. John W. Raley, president of Oklahoma Baptist University, told a student audience in the university chapel here. He said such military training should be given "every ablebodied American youth, ministerial students included."

"I am disturbed, even alarmed, at the attitude of many of our religious leaders who advocate the exemption of an expanded church service group, a religious 'elite,' " he said.

Dr. Raley said the failure to take advantage of the opportunity for basic citizenship responsibility would "neutralize any message of personal sacrifice" the minister of tomorrow "who sought or accepted refuge in exemption" may give young men of his own age whose lives were interrupted by military training.

New Mexico Governor Signs School Bus Bill

SANTA FE, N.M.—(RNS)— Governor John Simms signed into law a bill that permits county commissions to contract, out of general funds, with individual bus drivers to transport pupils to private and parochial schools.

The new law does not apply to school district buses. It thus seeks to avoid the pitfalls of the present school transportation law that was challenged in Rio Arriba County several years ago on constitutional grounds.

Several Baptist congregations sent protests to the governor before he signed the bill. The Baptist *New Mexican,* a weekly publication, contended that the measure "strikes at the heart of our national policy" of separation of Church and State.

Colorado House Approves "Homes for Aged" Project

DENVER—A bill creating a state building authority to erect homes for the aged under the sponsorship of religious and civic groups was passed by the Colorado House.

Rep. Byron Johnson, the sponsor, said the principle of separation of Church and state would not be violated because no subsidy is involved.

Under the measure, the state building authority, appointed by the governor, would provide a central planning

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agency to work with cities, counties, religious and benevolent organizations in the construction of such units.

State funds could be borrowed for initial financing, but would be repaid out of rents. The completed units would be operated by the contracting sponsor.

Baptist, Congregational, Roman Catholic and Jewish groups told the legislators they are interested in sponsoring such projects.

Church Building Continues Upward

WASHINGTON, D. C. —(RNS)— American churches spent $161,000,000 in the first three months of 1955 for new buildings, far eclipsing the record of $123,000,000 established in the first quarter of last year.

The Departments of Commerce and Labor estimated expenditures for new construction by churches during March at $53,000,000. This was the same level as February but $13,000,000 higher than March, 1954.

Construction by private schools and colleges, most of which are church-related, totaled $41,000,000 in March, a new record for the month. The figure was $3,000,000 more than that of March, 1954. Building activity by non-public schools totaled $122,000,000 for the first quarter of 1955, six per cent above the same period a year ago.

Private hospitals, orphanages and other institutions launched $28,000,000 worth of new construction in March, six per cent ahead of March, 1954.

—DENOMINATIONS—

Minnesota Baptists Settle Names Issue

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. —(RNS)— The Minnesota Baptist Convention has withdrawn its court suit to prevent the Minnesota Convention of American Baptist Churches from using the latter name.

Amicable settlement of the law suit, filed last November, was made out of court by representatives of the two groups. Dr. Joseph I. Chapman, executive secretary, said the Minnesota Convention of American Baptist Churches was "grateful that both conventions are to be spared the unhappy experience of a court case."

Originally, all the churches in the two groups were in the Minnesota Baptist Convention. But in 1946 forces opposed to the American (then Northern) Baptist Convention gained control of the state group, and since that time the state convention has refused to support the activities of the national group.

Mississippi Methodists To Preserve Segregation

JACKSON, Miss. —(RNS)— More than 200 Methodist clergymen and laymen from all over the state, meeting here, formed an association to preserve segregation within the Church.

Featured speaker at the meeting was Dr. G. S. Fraser, pastor of St. James church, Montgomery, Ala. He said it would "be a sad day for the Methodist people should we ever come to a time when we are not free to voice and act upon our convictions, helpless in the presence of facts and forces that in our hearts we protest." Dr. Fraser is a leader of an organization to fight any breakdown of segregation within The Methodist Church formed in Birmingham, Ala., last December by some 200 Methodist clergymen and laymen from five southern states.

Oscar Wolfe Jr. of Duncan was named president of the Mississippi Association which set its next meeting for May.

United Lutherans Record All-Time High Membership

NEW YORK —(RNS)— Membership in the United Lutheran Church in America reached an all-time high of 2,202,791 in 1954, an increase of 62,704 or 2.93 per cent over the previous year, it was announced here.

Dr. F. Eppling Reinartz, Church secretary, said reports from thirty-two synods in the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico, Hawaii and the Virgin Islands also showed that total expenditures increased by $8,592,813, to a record high of $76,312,614 during the year.

He told a meeting of the Church's executive board that the number of congregations had risen from 4,304 to 4,346; the number of pastors from 4,161 to 4,293, and Sunday school enrollment in the denomination's 4,294 church schools from 721,751 to 755,982.

Total valuation of church buildings, parsonages, schools or parish houses and other properties as of the end of 1954, Dr. Reinartz said, was $414,395,988, and increase of $32,338,102 over 1953.

—ASSEMBLIES—

Missionary Service Features NHA Meet

DAYTON, Ohio.— An outstanding missionary service marked the 1955 National Holiness Convention here. Dr. Oswald J. Smith, pastor of the Peoples Church in Toronto, Canada, brought the main address. Seventy-five missionaries were introduced, all wearing native costumes of the countries in which they had served.

Delegates attending this 87th annual meeting, held at the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Dayton, Ohio, April 13-17, were from fifteen denominations and 150 state and county holiness associations. Also present were representatives from twelve foreign missionary boards and fifty colleges and seminaries.

Re-elected President of the NHA was Dr. Myron F. Boyd, director and speaker on the coast-to-coast radio broadcast "Light and Life Hour."

Other officers elected are First Vice-President, Dr. H. M. Couchenour; Second Vice-President, Dr. Paul S. Rees; Third Vice-President, Bishop L. R. Marston; Recording Secretary, Rev. Kenneth Geiger; Treasurer, Mr. Harry N. Van Antwerp; Regional Vice-Presidents, Rev. Wm. S. Deal of Salem, Oregon, Dr. C. P. Haggard of Azusa, California, Rev. C. Philip

Hinerman of Minneapolis, Minnesota, the Rev. C. S. Meinhardt of Topeka, Kansas, Rev. Lucian Smith of Memphis, Tennessee, Rev. Morton Dorsey, of Columbus, Ohio, Dr. John R. Church of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, Dr. Ernest E. Grosse of Hanover, Pennsylvania, Rev. Charles Dayton of Corinth, New York, and Rev. W. J. Stonehouse of Ottawa, Canada; Memoirist, Miss Amy L. Pearson; and Historian, Dr. Delbert R. Rose.

The Convention selected Rev. Paul L. Kindschi to serve as the executive secretary for the coming year. Offices of the Association are in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Special emphasis was placed on making the NHA a coordinating agency of all holiness denominations and associations in the effort of "giving scriptural holiness a united voice."

Pentecost Sunday, falling this year on May 29th, was officially designated as "National Holiness Association Sunday." All holiness churches are urged to cooperate by having sermons on Pentecost and its meaning.

The date of next year's convention was announced as the week following Easter Sunday with the opening service on April 3, 1956.

Lutheran Assembly to Meet in Minneapolis

CHICAGO, —(RNS)— The Third Assembly of the Lutheran World Federation will be held August 16-25, 1957 at Minneapolis, Minn., it was announced here by the executive committee of the National Lutheran Council.

The Council had been assigned the task of selecting the assembly city and dates by the executive committee of the Lutheran World Federation when it met at Vienna, Austria, last February. The Council's executive committee held its semi-annual meeting here.

Theme for the assembly, selected at the Vienna meeting, will be "Free and One Through Christ Alone."

Some 275 delegates, 100 official visitors from member and 100 from non-member Churches all over the world are expected to attend the Minneapolis assembly. There also will be about twenty-five official visitors from denominational and interdenominational bodies and representatives from youth groups.

World Pentecostals Will Meet in Sweden

STOCKHOLM, Sweden.— Pentecostals from all over the world will gather here for the fourth World Conference of Pentecostal Churches, June 13-20.

The famous Filadelfia Church of Stockholm, of which Dr. Lewi Pethrus is pastor, will be host to the conference. The edifice seats 4,000 with several smaller auditoriums, and has 6,700 adult voting members. It is believed to be the largest Protestant church on continental Europe.

Sunday services on June 19 will be held in a special conference tent to be erected on the Royal Tennis Lawn. Provisions are being made for upwards of 20,000 worshippers.

The central theme of the conference will be "The Calling and Commission of the Pentecostal Movement—A Revaluation." The steering committee in charge of arrangements is Dr. J. Roswell Flower of The Assemblies of God in the USA (7,000 local congregations); Principal Donald Gee, of Kenley Bible College, Kenley, Surrey, England; Rev. Noel Perkin, Springfield, Missouri, missionary secretary of The Assemblies of God, USA; Dr. Levi Pethrus, Stockholm, Sweden, and Rev. Leonard Steiner, of Basil, Switzerland, general secretary of Pentecostal Mission of Switzerland.

Some 600 official delegates from thirty-two nations attended the third World Conference in Westminster Central Hall, London, England, in June, 1952. The second Conference met in Paris in 1949, and the first Conference in Zurich, Switzerland, in 1947.

EVANGELISM

Graham Reaches Millions 52,253 Decide for Christ

GLASGOW, Scotland. — All attendance records in the history of Billy Graham's evangelistic ministry were broken when 113,000 people crowded into Hampden Park Stadium April 30, the closing day of his Scotland crusade.

Dr. Graham ended meetings in Glasgow that have been going on in mammoth Kelvin Hall (see front page) since March 21.

The Hampden Park meeting was the largest of all, exceeding even the 60,000 who turned out in the rain April 29 at Ibrox Park. People came from the highlands and the glens as well as from the great industrial cities of Scotland.

Only 14,000 of the vast crowd had seats. The rest stood shoulder to shoulder on the concrete terraces in the traditional manner of British soccer fans.

The final figures on the Scotland crusade—Decisions for Christ at crusade meetings in Kelvin Hall, Ibrox and Hampden Park, 19,835; in other meetings, 32,418; total, 52,253.

Total attendance at crusade meetings and crusade relay services, 2,647,365.

Dr. Graham said that he was the instrument of Divine Power and expressed the hope that his campaign would "ignite a fire and a torch that will burn in Scotland for a generation to come and shed sparks all over the world."

[Dr. Paul S. Rees, who assisted Billy Graham in the Glasgow crusade, has promised to write an "inside story" of the campaign for *United Evangelical Action.*]

BILLY GRAHAM CARRIES THE GOSPEL TO THE MASSES

TOP: Addressing a section of the 5,000 crowd of shipyard workers at famous John Brown yard. BOTTOM: Four thousand British sailors, soldiers and airmen crowd Redford Barracks in Edinburgh hear Graham on God's peace the answer to war.

Graham to Hold Meetings In Europe During Summer

GLASGOW, Scotland — Dr. Billy Graham has completed the schedule for his evangelistic tour of Europe during the summer.

In all, six countries will be visited, including France, Switzerland, Germany, Holland, Norway and Sweden. First city to be visited will be Paris, where a five day Crusade has been planned, the first extended series of meetings Mr. Graham has ever conducted in a foreign language. The Paris Crusade will be conducted in the famed *Velodrome D' Hiver,* from June 5-9. Following the week in Paris, two meetings will be held in Switzerland, in the German speaking area in Zurich on June 18, and in the French area in Geneva on June 19.

Following the visit to Switzerland the Graham Team will visit West Germany for a series of five meetings: in Frankfurt on June 21, Mannheim on June 23, Stuttgart on June 25, Nuremberg on June 26 and in Dortmund on June 28.

Rotterdam will be next on the schedule, with a meeting in the Feyonoord Stadium on June 30. Oslo is planned for Sunday, July 3, with the final meeting of the tour in Gothenberg, Sweden on July 5.

Interpreters in the five languages are now being chosen. In France and Germany, the same man who interpreted the sermons last summer will serve again, but in the other countries the selections are now being made.

The meetings on the Continent will follow the same format as in Great Britain. The local choir, trained by choirmasters, will be directed by Cliff Barrows who will also direct the congregational singing. Soloist George Beverly Shea has begun learning solos in the five languages. Following the sermon by Billy Graham, the invitation for decisions for Christ is made, and the enquirers are dealt with by local counsellors who have been trained to help those who are making their decisions for Christ. Follow-up work will be conducted by the local ministers.

RADIO - TV

Korea Radio Station To Purchase Property

CHICAGO— Missionary Tom Watson, Jr., director of TEAM's proposed radio station in South Korea, flew from the USA to that country during the first week in May to acquire property for the new station and arrange with a committee of nationals to begin its construction. Cash and pledges received now total one third of the amount needed to get the project into operation.

This 20,000 watt long-wave station will beam the gospel behind the bamboo curtain into the Communist countries of China, Manchuria, Siberia, Mongolia, and North Korea in the various languages of those lands. Watson obtained the license for the station after two years of negotiations with the Syngman Rhee government.

Broadcasting equipment is being manufactured and assembled by International Radio of Elkhart, Ind., a Christian electronics company.

PRESS

Cadigan Is New Head of Associated Church Press

WASHINGTON, D. C., —(RNS)— Robert J. Cadigan of Philadelphia, editor of *Presbyterian Life,* was elected president of the Associated Church Press, organization of editors of Protestant publications in the US and Canada, at its thirty-sixth annual meeting here. He succeeds Dr. G. Elson Ruff of Philadelphia, editor of *The Lutheran.*

Peter Day of Milwaukee, Wis., executive editor of *The Living Church* (Episcopal) was elected first vice-president and Richard R. Wood of Philadelphia, editor of *The Friend* (Quaker), was named second vice-president. Dr. William B. Lipphard of New York, editor emeritus of *Missions Magazine* (American Baptist), was re-elected executive secretary and treasurer.

Named as honorary life member of the ACP was Dr. A. J. Wilson of Toronto, Canada, who will retire September 1, after seventeen years as editor of the *United Church Observer.*

WORLD-WIDE

Greek Evangelicals Moderator Resigns

ATHENS —(RNS)— Dr. George A. Hadjiantoniou resigned as Moderator of the Greek Evangelical Church at a meeting of its executive committee here. The fifty-one-year-old pastor of Athens' Second Evangelical church had headed the Protestant group since 1946.

Dr. Hadjiantoniou said his resignation was in protest against "arbitrary actions of the American Mission to the Greeks (a United States Organization with headquarters in New York) which jeopardized the spiritual principles of the Church's work as well as its national character."

He specifically charged the American agency with appointing various people to salaried jobs within the Church "without the knowledge or consent of the executive committee," with refusing to submit to the committee monthly accountings of money collected in the USA on behalf of the Greek church, and with having "illegally and arbitrarily seized" the Evangelical bookstore in Athens.

"All these actions," Dr. Hadjiantoniou said, "are contrary to the agreement between the Mission and our Church concluded April 29, 1953, at a meeting presided over by me and attended by Rev. Spiros Zodhiatis (general secretary of the USA organization).

"I firmly believe our Church should retain its national character. Therefore it is inadmissible that decisions on various phases of its work should be taken in New York. That would be fatal to the very existence of our Church. For the same reason, I believe all money collected on behalf of the Church should be sent to its treasurer here and not be handled by unauthorized persons."

Peron Regime Halts Catholic Instruction

BUENOS AIRES —(RNS)— Instruction in the Roman Catholic religion and in morals has been halted in all Argentine public schools. A decree of the Ministry of Education said the ban was a "temporary suspension" made for "administrative reasons," but it was believed here that it would continue indefinitely.

The move was the latest of a series of steps taken by the government to eliminate Catholic influence in education since the Peron administration started its feud with the Church last November.

Last December the government decided to name lay "spiritual advisers" for all primary and secondary schools. Then it ended Church jurisdiction over the appointment of teachers of religion and religious programs in the schools. Later the same month courses in Catholic religion and morality were removed from the list of subjects for which credit is given toward promotion. Since then, many priests have been dismissed from their teaching posts.

Several pro-government newspapers here have been carrying on a campaign for separation of Church and State. The latest maneuver in this drive was a recommendation in *La Prensa* that a national plebiscite be held to decide whether the Church should be disestablished.

Red Youth Dedication Kindles Controversy

BERLIN, Germany —(NLC)— East German Communists have staged the first large "youth dedication" ceremonies throughout East Germany, thus marking a climax in a new crisis between Church and State in the Soviet Zone, the press reported here.

The atheistic youth dedication ceremonies, clearly timed to coincide with confirmation time in most German churches, have been bitterly attacked by both Evangelical and Roman Catholic churches.

Evangelical leaders announced that they would not confirm any youth taking part in the Communist ceremonies as the latter were found irreconcilable with the profession of Evangelical faith. The Roman Catholic bishops of East Germany have ordered refusal of the Sacraments to any Catholic youth participating and any parent giving his consent to the participation in Communist sponsored "dedication" ceremonies.

Nonetheless, the Communists, who first claimed that participation in the ceremonies would be fully voluntary, have exerted great pressure on young people to take part, hinting broadly at "disadvantages" which may be experienced by those who refuse.

On March 15, Bishop Otto Dibelius, head of the Evangelical Church in Germany, and Bishop Wilhelm Weskamm, Roman Catholic prelate of East Germany, visited Georgi M. Pushkin, Soviet High Commissioner in Germany, reportedly to seek a change in the Communist stand on the youth dedication problem, but without gaining result.

The first ceremonies were held in a number of East German cities, including East Berlin and Dresden.

According to East German newspapers, the ritual included the following questions asked by prominent Red leaders acting as masters of ceremony, and answers by the participating youth:

Q.: Are you prepared to devote all your powers to the building of a happy, beautiful life and the economic, scientific and cultural progress?

A.: Yes, we do so vow!

O.: Are you prepared to devote all your powers, together with all patriots to fight for a unified, peace-loving, democratic and independent Germany?

A.: Yes, we do so vow!

Q.: Are you prepared to devote all your powers, together will all peace-loving people, to fight for peace and defend it to the last?

A.: Yes, we do so vow!

In conclusion of the ceremony, the leader declared: "We have heard your pledge. You have taken upon yourself a lofty mission. We, the community of all workers, promise you support, protection and help. With united strength, forward to victory!"

The Communists have replied bitterly to Church efforts to discourage youth from attending the pledging rites, claiming that the latter are only designed "to set young people on the right track" when they are graduated from school, and denying that any campaign against religion is involved.

However, it was pointed out here, that the text of the pledges must be read with an understanding of the Communist lingo, in which such words as "building of scientific and cultural progress," "patriotism," "fight for peace" and "democracy" are understood quite differently than in the West.

Each participant in the youth dedication received a copy of *Universe, Earth and Men,* a book condemned by both Evangelical and Catholic churches as strictly atheistic.

No reports were available on the number of participants in various ceremonies in East Berlin, but the Communist newspapers of Dresden reported an attendance of 1,500 and expressed dissatisfaction over the general response.

Reports from Church circles here indicated that some 5,000 young people had originally enrolled for the Dresden ceremony, but most parents had withdrawn their children's names in the last few weeks.

The Communist press urged Party functionaries and youth leaders to step up their propaganda efforts, and reported that several of the State-owned factories have donated watches and money to be presented to the participating youth.

It appeared that in some districts factory workers had been asked to "volunteer" for extra shifts to produce revenue for the same purpose.

Meanwhile, Walter Freund, chief of the Office for Church Affairs in East Germany, asked West Berlin officials for political asylum, according to unofficial reports, because of a controversy with his Communist superiors over the youth dedication.

Mr. Freund was one of the closest associates of East Germany's deputy Premier in charge of Church Affairs, the press reported.

PERSONALIA

Dave Morken, veteran missionary of the Orient, has returned to Taipeh, the capital city of Formosa, to conduct a four-week evangelistic crusade. Over 60,000 Chinese Christians are praying for the campaign.

Victor E. Sears, president of the Baptist Bible Fellowship, will be the commencement speaker for Baptist Bible College, Springfield, Mo. The fifth annual meeting of the Fellowship will be held in conjunction with the commencement exercises.

William Ward Ayer of New York City recently delivered a series of lectures on "Modern Isms" before the student body and faculty of Bob Jones University.

Jacob DeShazer, the former Doolittle bombardier who is now a widely known missionary in Japan, is in the USA for a series of meetings. Later he will enter Asbury Theological Seminary for advance study.

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Chicago Convention Report

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inclusion of these books in all USIA libraries. We have discovered that the presentation of facts, with suggested remedies for abuses against evangelical Protestants, generally brings excellent results from our Government. Facts, when presented alone, accomplish little. The remedy must be suggested and action requested. Whenever necessary we follow up and prod the dilatory.

This procedure has worked consistently in matters of defense of religious liberty for our evangelical minorities overseas. We have repeatedly gone to our Government about such cases in Italy, Spain, Colombia, Greece, Ecuador and Portugal. We have only praise for our government in every case. In fact, in some instances our government men showed such interest and persistence that victories were won for religious liberty when we despaired of success. We would recommend a resolution of appreciation to the Department of State for its persistent effort to promote and implement religious liberty on the behalf of minorities around the world.

In concluding this part of the report, we would present our greatest needs at the moment as being, first, the unloading of the responsibility of the evangelical ads from the shoulders of our staff. This work can be handled in our office only by neglecting other urgent matters. The second need is to eliminate fifty per cent of the travel of the Secretary of Affairs in order that he may adequately cover the Washington scene. Opportunities of meeting government leaders, influencing them in the right, and infiltrating the many areas of vital interest of Evangelicals with a Gospel influence demands more time in Washington.

Our office wishes to express its sincere appreciation for the excellent leadership of our president, Dr. Henry H. Savage, and for the time and energy he has spent in promoting NAE. We also thank the Lord for the capable leadership of Rev. George L. Ford in reorganizing the headquarters office of the NAE and his excellent handling of difficult financial problems. We in the Washington office appreciate the sound financial procedure he has been able to implement.

In all of this we praise the Lord, thank all of you for your loyal support, and press forward.

GOVERNMENT CHAPLAINCY

Douglas G. Scott, Executive Director

Since 1941 twenty-two million young men have served their country in every nation under the sun. Now we have a million in and a million out each year. Will they benefit from the experience or be worse for the time they have served? If they use it, and not abuse it, they will return to civilian status better citizens. Young men just out of high school will be brought, in their still formative years, into a military atmosphere for a period of two to four years, after which time they will be returning to our colleges, universities and other civilian institutions of national life. If the atmosphere of military life is not conducive to the moral and spiritual upbuilding of the men in service it will spell disaster to our entire national life.

Your Commission on Chaplains, composed of thirteen men from the denominations they serve have dedicated themselves to the task of serving our military personnel, to supply as many evangelical chaplains as possible, chaplains who know the power of the Gospel to change men's lives, and to build a reserve file of evangelical chaplains to serve our evangelical servicemen from our homes and churches.

It is most encouraging to talk with commanding officers and to see and hear of their concern for our young men who must serve to protect our Christian liberties. These commanding officers know that our young men and women are in one of the greatest educational institutions in the world today, receiving an education in the military which can be a tremendous influence for good or bad. The military is planning everything within their power to provide wholesome things to take up the extra time of the young men in the service in our own land or abroad. But bowling alleys, hobby shops, photo-labs and even the educational facilities that are at their disposal, will not and do not take the place of the spiritual. This can only be provided by evangelical chaplains, the Christian home and the church. The USO will never take the place of the church. The National Association of Evangelicals have their part in this great task and should be equally concerned.

Your Commission has proposed an Evangelical Big Brother Club of Christian servicemen. The purpose is to weld together all evangelical servicemen into a working unit for Christian leadership and to encourage each other to be true to the Lord and His church, to promote chapel attendance and help make the chapel the most interesting place in the military.

The Commission on Chaplains is a representative commission that acts as a mediator between the military and the denomination. Increased service for the denominations within its scope is made possible both in the placing of chaplains and in care for the servicemen. A number of servicemen have been helped. One young man, because of his love for prayer, was placed in the mental ward of the hospital. When this was brought to the attention of

the Commission and the facts were gathered, within two days the young man was given his rightful place. A number of similar problems have been solved by taking them to the right place.

The Commission has processed 154 clergymen. To more than 100 of these ecclesiastical endorsement has been granted. There are 69 on active duty. Twelve young men are in the Seminary Program—2nd Lt. (Army) and Ensign Probationary (Navy). There are eight auxiliary chaplains, five Veterans' Administration chaplains and thirty-four Civil Air Patrol chaplains.

Our evangelical chaplains minister to at least 120,000 American youth, with about two thirds of the chaplains reporting they have conducted 1755 Sunday services with an attendance of 80,175. This number does not include the week-night services. There have been 486 Sunday School sessions with 31,236 in attendance; 645 Character Guidance lectures with 78,845 in attendance; made 1,399 pastoral calls.

During the year 1954, twenty-nine chaplains were processed for the Army and Navy. The Executive Director conducted Preaching Missions in Germany for the United States Air Force. The results were most gratifying. Many made definite decisions for Christ.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Mrs. Merrill C. Tenney, President

Women's Fellowship has sought this year to work in closer cooperation than ever before for the undergirding of the total NAE program. Nearly all of the fifteen local chapters report gains in numbers and in interest. The Greater Boston Area chapter has had representation from as many as thirty-seven different churches in their World Day of Prayer program. Other chapters report similar gains, for which we are duly thankful.

The women have been active in the field of relief as carried on by the World Relief Commission. This year a new relief folder outlining the activities and projects of Women's Fellowship has been prepared under the supervision of Mr. Wendell L. Rockey of the World Relief Commission. Our special thanks go to Mr. Rockey and the Commission for their partial subsidy of this folder.

This year we have solicited funds for Evangelical Ads, and expect to make a worthwhile contribution to that project. (Voted at convention to give $100.)

Our convention program has been streamlined this year to enable the women to attend the sessions of other Commissions. This will give them a clearer picture of the overall activity of NAE, and will encourage their support. We accepted the responsibility of the registration desk for the convention, and for the first time have had our own exhibit booth.

Plans for next year include more promotional meetings by the officers. It is especially hoped that contacts with the women's organizations of NAE's member denominations may be made. For these contacts we count on the men of the Board to visit our booth, secure some of our literature, and do a job of "selling" Women's Fellowship to some key women of their denominations.

Our grateful thanks go to Mr. George Ford, who has graciously allowed clerical work connected with our mailings to be done in the home office in Wheaton. We trust that next year we will be able to report even greater progress as we seek to work together for the support and interest of NAE.

WORLD RELIEF

Wendell L. Rockey, Executive Director

Of the two thousand million people in the world, more went to bed hungry last night than went to bed well fed. United Nations authorities report that more than one-half of the people in the world are ill fed and undernourished. Millions and millions of people throughout the world are inadequately clothed.

Of those who are hungry, thirsty, naked, Jesus Christ said: "And the King shall answer and say unto them, 'Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.'"

The World Relief Commission, as the instrument of the National Association of Evangelicals, distributed 86,464 pounds of clothing (valued at $108,131) last year. During 1954 World Relief also shipped overseas $3,550 worth of food. The total relief supplied last year amounted to $111,681. This relief—and that of all other relief agencies in the world—is but a fraction of the help needed by suffering people.

Some people may say, "Why does the NAE have its own organization for relief. Why don't they send out relief through the established agencies?" The answer is that our relief is different—it is *Christian* relief. With every gift of food and clothing, distributed overseas by reliable, established evangelical Christians, goes a Gospel message in printed form.

It is not enough for us as Christians to relieve the physical suffering of men and women and children, while their lost, God-starved souls go to hell. Nor can we preach Christ to people whose stomachs are empty and whose bodies are weak from exposure to cold when we have it within our power to feed and clothe them.

Through the food, clothing and Gospel testimony distributed through World Relief Commission last year, thousands and thousands of people found relief from acute physical suffering and spiritual starvation. In the year that lies ahead we must double and triple our effort under God.

The director of the World Relief Commission would like to express deep thanks to the many faithful churches, organizations and individuals who are now supporting World Relief, also to thank Rev. H. Clay Mitchell, our Secretary, for the wonderful way in which he carried on the work of World Relief during the period in 1954 when we were without a director. And we want to urge as strongly as possible the necessity for the support of more and more Christians.

One of our most important jobs on the home front is to acquaint the people in our local churches with the relief needs overseas. We are now making plans to hold relief rallies in churches. These rallies will be sponsored by Sunday Schools, Young People's Groups, Women's Missionary Societies, etc.

We also plan to attend as many summer Bible Conferences in the Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York and New England areas as possible in order to tell more people about our work. Our regional directors can be of tremendous help also in acquainting our people with World Relief.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Clate A. Risley, General Secretary

Outstanding among achievements of the National Sunday School Association during the past year was the Indianapolis convention. It was a great convention especially from the standpoint of wide-spread representation. There were 500 more out-of-state delegates than at any previous National Sunday School convention and eight states never before represented had delegates. Local interest was disappointing.

NSSA executives have given considerable time to planning ways of celebrating our tenth anniversary in October, 1955. They voted unanimously to hold twin conventions. One will be the first week in October, in Spokane, Washington (5-6-7) the second will be in Providence, Rhode Island, the last week in October (26-27-28). A survey trip to each of these areas has revealed unusually keen interest in the coming event. We are expecting both conventions to be equal to, if not greater than, any National Convention held thus far.

Interest in the work of the NSSA is at an all time high. Never before have we had so many requests for help, so many requests for speakers, so many requests for literature and materials.

We have been able to accept only a few of the many invitations received; but with that have been in the field over sixty-five per cent of the time and have participated in sixty different Sunday School conferences and meetings since Indianapolis, seldom speaking less than twice and often six to ten and more times on each conference.

National Family Week theme this year is "Every Parent Is a Teacher." A very appropriate bulletin cover has been prepared for churches; and a postal card with the same family scene has been added to tie weekday and Sunday promotion together. National Family Week sales have exceeded all previous years. Articles on the Christian home have been provided all publishers on the Evangelical Press Association list. More magazines and periodicals have cooperated in promoting National Family Week this year.

We are much in need of additional help in the office and in the field. Although the financial picture shows monthly gain of $500.00 over a year ago we are still in need of more stable income before adding to the staff. An addressing machine has been secured and paid for and part of the funds for a folding machine have been received. We still need a number of pieces of equipment, but are grateful for what we have been able to secure this past year.

We are grateful for fellowship in the National Association of Evangelicals and covet the interest and prayers of all evangelicals everywhere who are vitally concerned with reaching the unreached of America be they young or old.

RADIO

Thomas F. Zimmerman, Chairman

The Radio Commission of NAE has been active this past year in continuing negotiations with the major networks in securing sustained time for the voice of NAE.

In the first part of December, 1954, a personal contact was made by the Chairman of the Radio Commission with the Religious Director of each of the four major chains. A very friendly and understanding reception was accorded the representative of NAE.

The National Broadcasting Company extended the courtesy of four programs in a "Faith in Our Times" series for the Sundays of March of 1955. Dr. Theodore Elsner, former Chairman of the Radio Commission of NAE, served as speaker for this series.

Both the Mutual and ABC Networks expressed an interest in a series of programs for NAE provided we could offer something in a special format of presentation.

There has been a most gratifying interest shown on the part of the industry as far as religious broadcasting is concerned. In general there has been no particular problem encountered as far as recognition and courtesy are concerned on the part of the industry toward the religious broadcaster. It is possible today to find ready acceptance of the evangelical position when it is presented to the average station manager. It would seem, if appropriate steps could be taken to have greater contact with the local radio stations through an acceptable representative of NAE, that we could find outlets for programs produced by our organization. If a series of broadcasts could be transcribed and made available for such release, it seems very likely that many stations would be willing to carry these programs on a sustained basis.

National Religious Broadcasters is just concluding one of the most successful years in its history. An outstanding conference was held at Washington, D. C. at the Hotel Mayflower, February 3 and 4, 1955. This meeting was held in joint session with the International Christian Leadership, Inc. Our sessions opened with a Presidential Breakfast and were followed by a most interesting two-day program which included speakers from among outstanding national leaders, executives from the radio industry, and specialists in various fields of endeavor. There has been a renewed interest shown by many former members of NRB and inquiries concerning the work of this program have been received from broadcasters from every section of the country.

We have much to be thankful for in that we have on the air today a higher quality of religious broadcasting which is producing wonderful spiritual results.

EVANGELICAL YOUTH

H. K. Sheets, Chairman

Youth leaders of evangelicalism experienced one of their greatest conventions in the ten year history of Evangelical Youth at the recent sessions held at the Sherman Hotel, Chicago in connection with the annual convention of NAE. Representing upwards of half a million Christian youth in closely knit denominational movements in addition to those in interdenominational groups Evangelical Youth serves one of the most dynamic hosts of Christian young people in all the history of Christendom. Youth leadership from these agencies in the recent convention days of exchange, challenge and guidance expressed keen satisfaction in the profits of the conclave.

Harold K. Sheets retired from the presidency and Gunnar Hoglund, Director for the Youth Department of the Baptist General Conference of America, was elected head of the organization. Charles Kerestly, serving faithfully on the Executive Committee for a number of years and more recently as Treasurer, turned the books to the new Treasurer, Tom Oschwald, Central Regional Director for the Youth Department of the Free Methodist Church with a comfortable financial balance to begin the work of the new year.

Dick Fulmer, National Secretary Christ's Ambassadors of the Assembly of God, did an excellent job as Chairman of the Program Committee. National youth leaders to appear for the first time on the EY program included George Santa, Editor of *Youth Aids* and other youth program material books; Miss Edith Lantz, Editor of *Teen Topics*; Ray Hughes, Director for Youth Department of Church of God, Cleveland, Tennessee; Joy Mackay of Pioneer Girls; Werner Graendorff of Boy's Brigade and Dr. Robert W. Smith, Bethel College, St. Paul, Minnesota, who addressed the general session of NAE under sponsorship of the Youth Commission at the time the interests and functions of Evangelical Youth were also presented to a representative group of NAE delegates.

All correspondence concerning Evangelical Youth for the coming year should be directed to Gunnar Hoglund, 5927 North Paulina, Chicago, Ill.

EDUCATION

Merrill C. Tenney, Chairman

During the past year the Education Commission of the National Association of Evangelicals has been active both in an advisory and in an executive capacity. Its chief activities have been as follows:

1. The Commission has sponsored a research project concerning the athletic programs of evangelical schools on the college level in order to find out how they carry on their programs and how they develop them. Mr. George B. Wells, the Athletic Director of Houghton College, has undertaken this task with the support of the Commission. His final report is not yet ready, but it should be available by the end of the summer. It should assist greatly in strengthening and in coordinating the organizational structure and administrative practices in the athletic programs of these schools.

2. In conjunction with the National Accrediting Association of Bible Institutes and Bible Colleges the Commission reviews the claims and programs of schools which apply for membership in NAE and seeks also to assist in the development of member schools. The commission does not claim to be an accrediting agency, but it does seek to maintain some guardianship over the educational standards of affiliated evangelical schools.

3. The Commission has aided in promoting the National Teachers' Christian Fellowship which was launched two years ago at a meeting held at Wheaton College by evangelical teachers who had gathered in a response to an appeal initiated by suggestion of the Commission. At present the NTCF under the leadership of Howard Davis is seeking to establish relationship with similar organizations elsewhere in the country in order that it may link them together in a united representation of Christian teachers.

4. The Commission has supplied publicity for *United Evangelical Action* magazine in order to keep the cause of evangelical education before the public.

5. The Commission has supplied educational information and advice to the numerous inquiries which have come from schools and individuals.

6. The Commission is happy to report that the royalties from the book *Christian Education in a Democracy* have accrued to the amount of $233.40, and that these funds are being held in a special account by the Treasurer of NAE. They are to be used as a foundation for another project of the same general type at the discretion of the Commission.

7. The various Divisions of the Commission have maintained numerous individual contacts and conferences through the year as an aid to evangelical education.

The Commission requests that the Regional Directors of NAE be asked to keep the Commission informed of educational problems and opportunities in their respective areas.

CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOLS

Mark Fakkema, Educational Director

During the past few years literally hundreds of Protestant Christian schools have come into existence. Many Christians are beginning to see the necessity for such schools if they are to pass on to the next generation a Christian view of life with its implied Christian walk of life.

The starting of a new Christian school is not an easy matter. Parents have had no experience in guiding and directing a local school project. They have little knowledge about starting and promoting a Christian school, about setting up a school curriculum, about obtaining teachers, selecting textbooks, determining educational policy, et cetera. Perhaps the greatest problem of all is to secure teachers who are truly Christian—otherwise, there is no point to establishing Christian schools.

In all this, the office management of the National Association of Christian Schools, with a background of twenty-eight years of Christian school counselling experience, is rendering timely service. Here are some of the ways in which NACS has sought to help struggling schools:

(1) *Service through correspondence.* Many of the Christian school problems presented to us must be answered by direct mail. The situations brought to our attention make interesting reading.

(2) *Service through publishing The Christian Teacher.* It is a little over four years ago that we began circulat-

ing this monthly. Our NACS paper is not intended to serve our Christian teachers only, as the name might suggest. When it makes its monthly call, the two editors are coming to your home to pay you a visit and to discuss your educational problems with you. Some of our one-way conversations are designed to help solve teaching problems, others are of particular interest to board members, and all of them should be of interest to Christian parents. For example, in the past two issues our co-editor, Victor Sneaden, has pointed out how spelling can and should be taught in a Christian way.

(3) *Service of The Christian Teacher is extended.* We have greatly increased our paper's service by making it a privilege of membership. We not only send free copies to our individual members but also free subscriptions to all teachers and board members on a club basis provided requests are made for this privilege. Over a thousand teachers and board members are receiving *The Christian Teacher* on this free club basis.

(4) *Our service by visiting communities in person.* We frequently receive requests to help communities solve local problems. For example, we received a letter from a town in Ohio. We were informed that there are a number of people in the town who wish to start a Christian school, but they do not know how to proceed. The writer, after informing us how she had learned about the services of the NACS, requested, "Will you send us your first open dates, and all of the information we will need to get more praying people interested, and how to get our school started?"

(5) *The services through our Teacher Agency.* We have recently made what we believe is a decided improvement in our Teacher Agency Service. Our Agency had on hand in January this year the applications of twenty-three teachers who were looking for positions, practically all of them ready for immediate placement. Before next fall we anticipate that an increasing number of teacher candidates will present themselves for placement. As teachers register with our Teacher Agency, we immediately prepare a brief statement of their educational qualifications. These are then sent to the 120 schools affiliated with NACS. The schools file these lists in the "NACS Teacher Agency" folder, a copy of which we have forwarded to every school member. When, due to the rapid local school expansion, or due to the normal teacher turn over, a given school is in need of a teacher for a particular position, the board can turn to this folder and select a number of likely candidates for the particular position to be filled. The school can then proceed to contact those applicants who seem to qualify for the anticipated vacancy. All applicants have subscribed to the evangelical doctrinal statement and profess to be born again. However, their fitness for a given vacancy will have to be determined by the local school board from information on the application blanks, by their contact with applicants, and by consulting references supplied by these candidates. Although we especially serve the elementary and secondary schools belonging to NACS, we, whenever requested, send teacher placement information to Christian colleges, Bible institutes and seminaries, provided they request such information and provided they subscribe to the evangelical doctrinal statement.

(6) *The service of providing Christian school promotional literature.* The printed page is the cheapest and most effective means of Christian school propagation. By providing Christian school literature the office of NACS renders an outstanding servce. Over fifty pieces of literature are available dealing with all phases of Christian school activity.

(7) *The publication of 1955 Catalogue.* This is our most recent publication. Ten thousand copies were printed. Materials listed come under three headings—Promotional Literature (52 items), Administrative Needs (5 items), and Books (24 items).

(8) *The teaching services of NACS.* Many of the speaking engagements of the Educational Director take on the form of teaching a course in Christian philosophy of education. We have prepared two courses—one on moral training and the other on teaching school studies in a Christian way. These courses, consisting of thirty lectures each, are usually given under the auspices of local Christian colleges meriting two hours of college credit. Our material is presented in three books. The first book gives Christian philosophy proper. The second book gives the philosophical implications for moral training. The third book gives the philosophical implications for teaching school studies. Our scheduled dates for giving one of the courses this summer are as follows: Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill. (June 7 to 17); Winona School of Theology, Winona Lake, Ind. (July 11 to 28).

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(9) *Items of general interest.* Our records show that 125 Christian schools have affiliated with NACS, three of which are in foreign countries. We have 302 listed in our individual Active Membership file, sixty-six in our individual Active Associate Membership file and 292 listed in our Founders file. The NACS has purchased a building which now is our headquarters at 10201 South State Street, Chicago 28, Illinois.

The Lord has inclined the hearts of the friends of Christian education to again support the work of The National Association of Christian Schools during the past year. Some have not only contributed liberally themselves but they have voluntarily requested others to join them in financing the National Association. Others have aided materially in refurnishing our newly purchased building. Due to this Christian liberality one-half of its cost was taken care of within the first six months. For this we thank God.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Clyde W. Taylor, Executive Secretary

We are rejoicing in God's blessings on the fellowship that we discovered together more than ten years ago when the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association was created. We constantly marvel at the spirit of unity and complete harmony that has characterized our association. With our great diversity in so many spiritual and organizational matters, and in methods, this oneness can only be accounted for by our unity in Christ by the Holy Spirit. We thank God that after ten years this fellowship has strengthened rather than diminished. God grant us this same oneness and blessing until we see this great task of world evangelism completed.

Both the Purchasing Office in New York City and the Universal Travel Service in Chicago have continued under God's blessing and both have shown excellent results this year. The Washington Office has a complete staff for the first time in many years, is thoroughly coordinated, and working in complete harmony.

We are able to report definite steps forward. *The Missionary News Service* has been issued regularly twice each month since last October 1st. In addition to our executives that receive it, it goes to editors, to twenty-eight schools, and to others who have subscribed to it at $8.00 a year. We believe the time has arrived to give it more publicity and seek additional subscribers. Of course, it is a free service to our member boards. An amazing amount of work goes into the research, making possible this four-page release twice a month. Miss Avery Kendall does the research and editing of the news. Her background as a former missionary in Panama with the Central American Mission is a tremendous help in this work.

Washington service to our members is under the direction of Mr. Bryant K. Schlutow, who during the past year has procured 220 passports, 159 visas, handled a tremendous volume of correspondence, and kept office records.

The Board of Directors voted in as an Associate Member the following non-sending agency: WORLD VISION, INC. of Portland, Oregon—Dr. Frank Phillips, Executive Secretary; Dr. Bob Pierce, President.

These agencies were voted into regular membership: ORIENT CRUSADES, INC. of Los Angeles, California—Rev. Norman Cummings, Home Director; Rev. Dick Hillis, General Director; twenty missionaries: Formosa, Philippines, Hong Kong, Okinawa. GREATER EUROPE MISSION, INC. of Chicago, Illinois— Rev. Noel Lyons, Executive Secretary; Rev. Robert Evans, Field Director; 18 missionaries: Italy, France, Germany, Netherlands. CHILD EVANGELISM INTERNATIONAL of Los Angeles—Franklin F. Ellis, Director; Lenore L. Neighbors, Secretary; 151 missionaries: 58 countries.

In February the Executive Secretary

of Evangelical Foreign Missions Association went to Costa Rica to attend the Literature Conference called by Evangelical Literature Overseas. Some fifty-two delegates from all over Latin America attended. The Latin American Mission was host, and all sessions except for evening meetings were held in their buildings. Night services were held in the Language School. The spirit of the meetings reminded those who know EFMA of the spirit of our gatherings. A great oneness of mind was evident. As a result of this Conference, LEAL (Literatura Evangelica para America Latina) was formed to produce and distribute evangelical literature for Spanish-speaking countries. EFMA is encouraging all evangelical missions to cooperate in this vital program.

With reference to Evangelical Literature Overseas, we recommend that since we are a part of ELO, our EFMA member missions should place ELO in their budgets for general support. Their publicity is all aimed at raising funds for literature that is sent 100% to designated areas. This has left them in a difficult position as far as their operating expenses are concerned. This should receive the attention of our interested boards.

EFMA Board of Directors has voted to designate $200.000 of their India literature Fund for a survey of literature needs in India.

Our Washington office receives and channels funds for overseas evangelical agencies that have no USA office. For example, we receive from Park Street Church in Boston the funds for a missionary working with the Edinburgh Medical Mission in Nazareth. We also receive the funds sent in from churches in Ohio for the support of Rev. I. Ben Wati, the field evangelist of the Evangelical Fellowship of India. These funds are all remitted without deductions.

The next Executives' Retreat is scheduled for Winona Lake, Indiana, October 4-7, 1955, at the Westminster Hotel. Most of the speakers have been contacted, but some changes may still be possible. It is urged that all boards send as many representatives as possible.

The Board of Directors has revised its geographical area divisions as follows:

Latin America
Far East—Japan, Korea, Formosa, Hong Kong, Okinawa, Philippines
South Pacific — Indonesia, New Guinea, Oceana
Southeast Asia — Cambodia, Viet-Nam, Laos, Thailand, Malaya
South Asia—India, Burma, Pakistan, Ceylon
Near East and Egypt
Africa
Europe

Consideration should be given to the possibility that the Executive Secretary of EFMA might make a trip to certain sections of Africa in the interest of evangelical unity and the prevention of large sections of our evangelical churches on the field being drawn into the orbit of the World Council of Churches. Several requests have come for such a visit to these areas.

There is considerable follow-up work needed in Latin America to work in conjunction with WEF in strengthening our position there. It would seem that this can be deferred for a year or more without too much harm.

Something new will be included in the next Missions Number of *United Evangelical Action,* which will probably be July 1. Dr. Murch has proposed that a one-paragraph "biography" of each EFMA member organization be given in that issue, along with mission news and articles.

In our evangelical schools and colleges a recurring question has been raised about the correct curriculum of study for preparing missionaries. Several colleges already have excellent courses outlined. Others are desirous of revamping their missions department. It has been suggested that EFMA arrange a conference of deans and mission department heads with missionary executives to completely review curricula and the availability of texts and source materials. It might be possible to talk with educators present at the conference regarding this. Several leaders in missionary education expect to attend the convention, partly with this in mind.

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

W. J. Anderson, Director

The EFMA Purchasing Department concluded its biggest year by substantially exceeding the half million dollar mark in purchases. Since its inception in 1946 when it began as a pioneer in the field, a constant and steady increase has ensued. Evangelical missionaries representing well over a hundred Boards have been served. Included are Boards located in Europe and Scandinavia, as well as native workers in Asia and Latin America who have been properly vouched for. Some correspondence has been conducted in their native language. In addition, in the United States thousands of evangelical pastors, full-time Christian workers, Christian schools, colleges and seminaries (including their faculty and staff) have purchased hundreds of automobiles as well as almost every conceivable item for the home, office and for personal use. It is estimated throughout the years that the purchasing through EFMA has shown a savings in excess of a million dollars. All evangelicals enjoy this service whether members or non-members of EFMA or NAE.

From time to time, we have likened your Purchasing Department to the Quartermaster's Department of the Army. The outfitting and equipping of the soldier, of necessity, precedes his going into battle, and his effectiveness in the battle line will be largely in proportion to the quality and quantity of his equipment.

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It is heartwarming and a real inspiration to receive letters from all over the earth expressing genuine gratitude. Many inform us that without our services they could not have had such equipment, and they indicate further that, because of such service, their purchasing and shipping problems have been solved.

It perhaps, is not entirely known that the Purchasing Department is and has been wholly self-supporting for a number of years. It no longer needs a subsidy. This is because of the increased volume, the purchasing fees from which meet the operating expense.

If, for no other reason than having sufficient volume to produce such results, it logically follows that no member mission or its missionary should fail to use the office. By failure to do so the member board would again be required to advance a subsidy in order to keep the office open.

At this point, it should be stated that after comparing prices of other buying sources, we have consistently found that your Purchasing Office in most instances enjoys better prices. But furthermore, there perhaps is no service available anywhere that is as effective and extensive. Perhaps as much as 40% of our efforts in the office are expediting, servicing and counselling.

It is not uncommon for missionaries to get into some fearful difficulties from which we have succeeded in extricating them. Recently a family sailed to Africa but failed to obtain their visa before sailing. To board a ship without a visa is unlawful. Accordingly they were not permitted to leave the ship at its destination and were returned with all their baggage and freight to the United States. Arriving in New York, they were without funds to pay the steamship company and their belongings were being held. They appealed to us for advice and help. We went to the steamship company with them and pled their case successfully. The steamship company knew us and released the missionary, his family and all his belongings.

This sort of experience is surely a far cry from purchasing. Instead, it is the plus service your Purchasing Office is rendering and because of the legion of similar occurrences and the fatal results that could accrue were we not prepared to intervene, we wonder if such a service should be impaired. On the contrary, because of this strategic and indispensable service, it must follow that every evangelical mission whether a member of EFMA or not, should make it a *must* to channel all their purchases—not just the little obsolete and difficult-to-obtain items but the larger items as well—through your Purchasing Department and thus increase our volume which in turn greatly enhances our whole operation.

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J. Elwin Wright, Executive Secretary

The Lord has been good. In our international relations, it has been the most significant year in our history. Throughout many countries there has been constant evidence of the growing appreciation of the work of this Commission in making known the blessings which attend evangelical co-operation.

During the past year, we have maintained the office in Boston but with a greatly stepped-up program, due to the final arrangements to conduct the SHARE campaign here rather than in Philadelphia. The absence of the executive secretary for nearly two months during the Guruswamy series of meetings and for four months abroad has thrown an unreasonable amount of responsibility upon Miss Elizabeth M. Evans. She has assumed this load and carried on with her usual efficiency and with a minimum of clerical assistance.

We have issued the quarterly Bulletin, which now requires a printing of 6,000 to meet the needs of the enlarged list of interested friends.

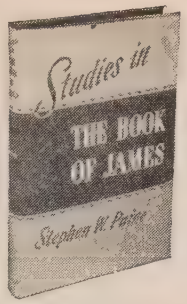
The SHARE campaign was handled in our Boston office, but a number of difficulties arose and results were unsatisfactory. However, the increased interest evidenced by the receipts of the past year certainly leaves no just cause for pessimism regarding the future of the SHARE plan. More than ever it is evident that we have found a valuable formula in the creation of SHARE for the financing of some of the most needful projects abroad, and that the process of persistent education by radio, periodicals and church advertising will result in its becoming a recognized annual observance throughout America. The 1955 SHARE campaign has been scheduled for November 6 through 13.

The large stock of gift books which are being distributed to libraries of Christian schools has been transferred from the warehouse in Lawrence to our office stockroom, greatly crowding our limited quarters. During the year, a total of 72,500 have been sent abroad, or are awaiting shipment in New York. The gift of 50,000 Van Kampen press books was a wonderful help.

The big series of promotional meetings this year was in behalf of the Evangelical Fellowship of Ceylon. Dr. A. P. Guruswamy conducted a series of more than 40 rallies from coast to coast. These were successful in every way and made possible important advances in that country in the great work of evangelism which EFC is carrying on.

At the international conference in Switzerland in 1953, it was voted that the 1956 conference be in the United States. The eastern seaboard was favored as the location. We are offered the facilities of the Barrington Bible conference grounds for the period of August 27 through 31. The London office has signified its desire to concur with us in accepting this arrangement.

Nearly four months was occupied in the trip around the world. The purpose of the journey was to meet with evangelical leaders of many countries where associate organizations of World



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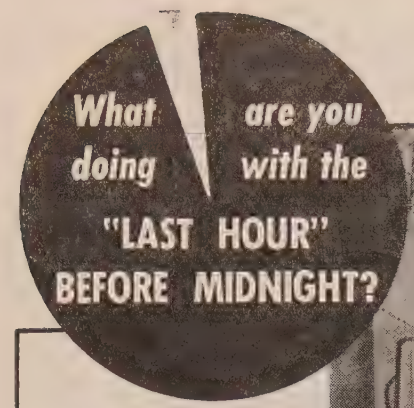

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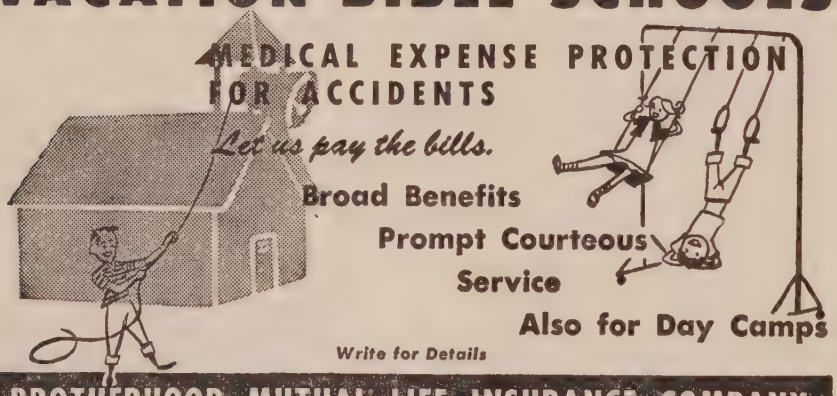

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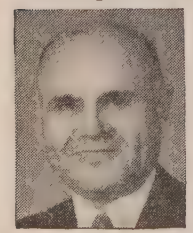
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Evangelical Fellowship had been established, or where an interest had been shown in forming national evangelical groups for purposes of cooperation. Places covered on the trip include the following: Switzerland, Rome, Athens, Beirut, Jerusalem, Cyprus, Egypt, Bombay, Delhi, Jhansi, Yeotmal, Travancore, Ceylon, Singapore, VietNam Thailand, Hong Kong, Manila, Formosa, Japan, Korea and Honolulu. (EDITOR'S NOTE: A full description of Dr. Wright's world journey will appear in a later issue of *Action* magazine).

MIDWEST REGION

The Executive Committee of the National Association of Evangelicals, meeting in pre-convention session at the Hotel Sherman, confirmed the appointment of Rev. Charles J. Anderson of Kenosha, Wisconsin as the new Director of the Midwest Region of the National Association of Evangelicals. The appointment was confirmed at the request of the Midwest Regional Board.

Chas. J. Anderson

Just prior to accepting this new appointment Mr. Anderson was pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church (North American Baptist General Conference) in Kenosha where he led the church in the construction of a new house of worship which was dedicated last November. Prior to that he was for a number of years promotional field representative for Youth for Christ International, representing that organization in four overseas field assignments in Europe and the Middle East, as well as in the USA, Canada and Alaska.

Mr. Anderson was one of the country's first Industrial Chaplains, and in that capacity appeared on the program of the National Association of Evangelicals as a speaker as early as its 1944 Convention which was held at Columbus, Ohio. He begins his services to the region immediately and will commute to Chicago from his home in Kenosha.

With an office in downtown Chicago the Midwest regional organization reaches out into Iowa, Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin, serving an ever-increasing constituency. A new policy is being inaugurated by which local Associations of Evangelicals will be set up in centers all over the area.

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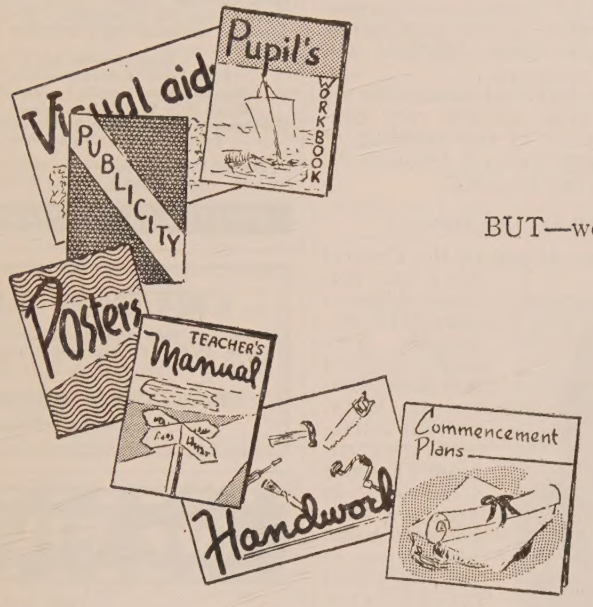

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Dr. Walter L. Penner, Dallas, Oregon, began his duties on April 1 as Southwest Regional Director of the National Association of Evangelicals. Dr. Penner has served the past three years as pastor of the Mennonite Brethren Church in Dallas. Prior to this, from 1947 to 1952, he served the Rosedale Mennonite Brethren Church in Bakersfield, Calif. While in this pastorate he helped to organize the Kern County Chapter of the NAE and served on the Board of Administration of the Southwest Regional NAE.

Walter L. Penner

Dr. Penner's college work was done at Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas, and Sterling College, Sterling, Kansas. He also took work in the medical school of Kansas University. His seminary training was received at Central Baptist Seminary, Kansas City. Besides his A.B. degree he has earned Th.B., Th.M., Th.D. degrees.

His pastoral experience has been diversified; while a seminary student he served a Christian Church, and several Baptist Churches, in addition to the Mennonite Brethren churches. Within the Mennonite Brethren denomination he has served twice as vice moderator and once as moderator of the Pacific District Conference. At present he is serving as vice chairman of his denominational Church School Board, and is also a member of the NSSA General Council and the General Committee of the NSSA Lesson Outlines.

Dr. Penner is married and has four children. They will make their home in Pasadena. Appearing before the NAE Board of Administration at Chicago, Dr. Penner said," We have been particularly gratified to note the very fine board of directors that has in a very excellent way shouldered the responsibility in the region. We are conscious of the real undergirding by the many pastors, churches and individuals that has given the work there stability. Therefore we are coming to this work knowing that if this is God's program for us as well as for the NAE, He will see us

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CENTRAL REGION

The Executive Board of the Central Region National Association of Evangelicals has announced that Rev. Mahlon L. Macy, present minister of the Piedmont Friends Church in Portland, Oregon, will begin his services as the Regional Director of the Central Region on September 1.

Mahlon L. Macy

Mr. Macy is a native of Idaho, received education at Cascade College, George Fox College, Berkeley Baptist Seminary, and completed his Bachelor of Divinity degree in 1949 at the Western Evangelical Seminary in Portland. He is completing three years with the Piedmont Friends Church, has had experience with work in Evangelical Released Time Education and other interchurch activities. Central Region leaders express themselves as "fortunate in securing his services, and the four-state area of Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado and Oklahoma looks forward to a period of growth and expansion among all the evangelical forces under the leadership of Brother Macy."

The Executive Committee of the Central Region Board is composed of Rev. C. S. Meinhardt, Topeka, chairman; Rev. C. E. Fast of Enid, Oklahoma, vice chairman; Rev. A. E. Janzen of Hillsboro, secretary; Rev. D. J. Unruh of Newton, treasurer; Mr. G. H. Willms of Newton, chairman of finance committee; Rev. E. F. Walters, Hutchinson, the constitution committee; Dr. Burton B. Thurston, Manhattan, publicity; and Dr. Roy Hollomon of Topeka, consultive member. All evangelicals in the four-state area are urged to indicate their interest by prayer and support with a word to this effect to C. S. Meinhardt, 1014 Lawrence Street, Topeka.

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Some 770 individual members have joined the NAE in the Northwest Region during the past year. Hundreds have supported financially indicating that an ever increasing number of persons are becoming interested in the world wide ministry of the NAE, believing that the evangelical message is the answer for a heart hungry world. This number shows a marked increase over the same period last year.

There are fellowship groups now operating in twenty-five areas of the region. There are many other places where evangelical groups are working together, but as yet have not affiliated with the NAE. We believe that with proper fostering many of these can be brought into our fellowship. The Charter arrangement which was adopted by the National Board last October has proved to be very beneficial in bringing the program of the National down to the grass roots level in united evangelical action among the various churches. Several evangelical groups in various cities of the region have applied for this charter, namely, Boise, Bellingham, Portland, Yakima, Centralia-Chehalis, Vancouver, Spokane, and Billings.

Word was received the early part of the summer that the American Relief for Korea was discontinuing all operations as of August 31, 1954. Through the courtesy of the ARK the Northwest Region had been privileged to send over 240,000 pounds of used clothing, of which 30,000 pounds was sent from April 1 through August 31. This was all without cost to us. With the discontinuation of the free service offered by the ARK program, we were forced to assume the additional cost of packing and processing as well as ocean freight to all points except Korea. The American Korean Foundation has given us the courtesy of free ocean freight for all used clothing being sent to Korea. They have assured us that this free service will continue until the first of June. We are praying that God will help us to find favor in their sight so they will continue this service after June 1. The West Coast Fast Freight Lines are continuing to carry free of charge shipments from various localities in the Northwest to Oakland. This free service by AKF as well as the auto freight companies, has saved the Northwest Relief fund thousands of dollars. Total receipts in the Korean Relief Fund were $7,407.54. In addition to the 30,000 pounds of clothes that were sent to the ARK, over 60,000 pounds of used clothing has been collected and sent with the Gospel pamphlets to the Orient, worth, conservatively, at least $90,000. Approximately 54,000 pounds were sent to Formosa to be distributed through Rev. James Dickson of the Presbyterian Church of Canada and China Evangelizing Fellowship of which Andrew Gih is director. Over $100 has been sent for CARE packages.

Because of many requests for service at the grass roots level, particularly in the field of Christian Education, Rev. Ulphin O. Davis was added to the Northwest Regional staff last Decem-

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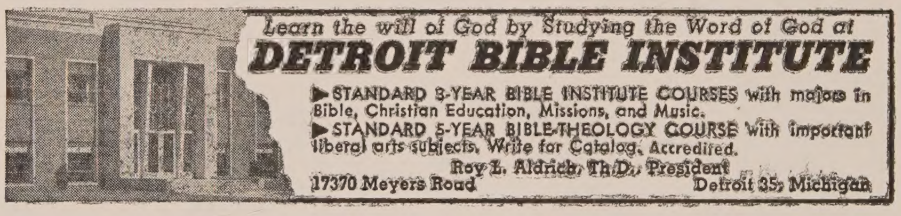

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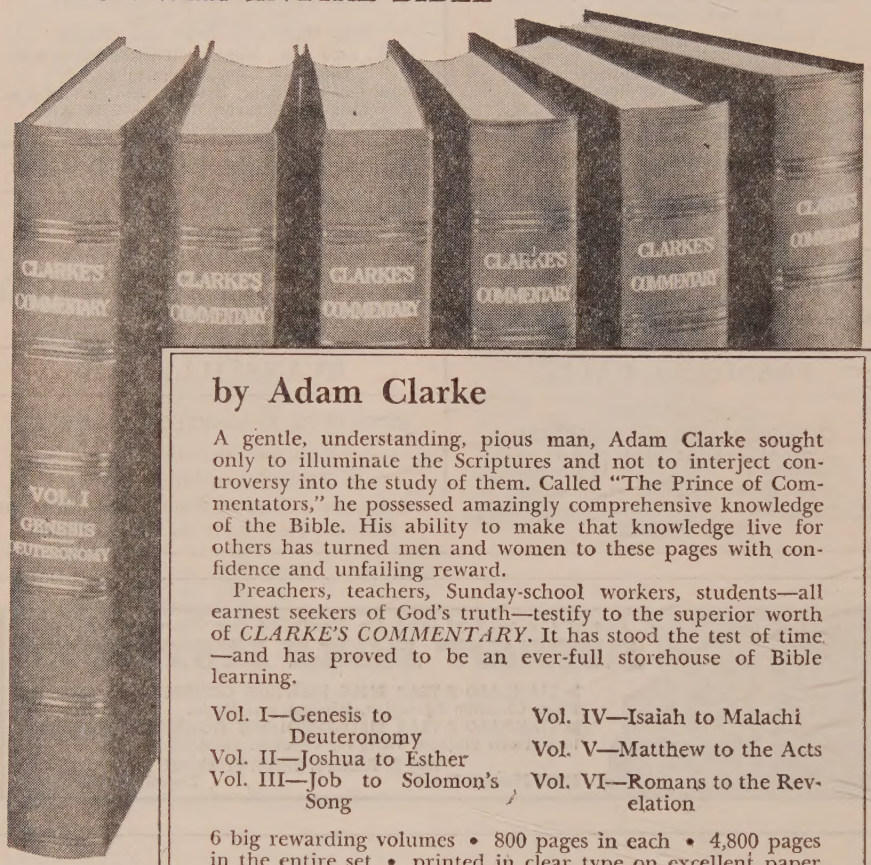

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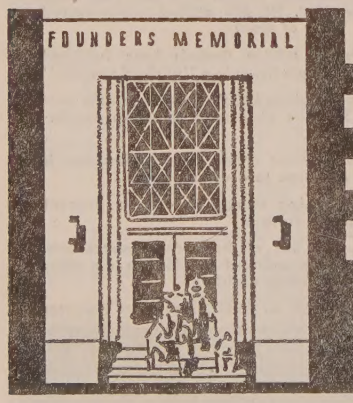

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ber, on the approval of the Executive Committee, as field representative giving special emphasis in the field of the Sunday School. This has helped to open the door to NAE in many churches. He has been working on a temporary basis subject to the approval of the Regional Board at its annual meeting and recommendation to the National Board.

As we look back over the fiscal year we find a great deal to thank God for in regard to the financing of our Regional program. It has been possible only through regular and sacrificial gifts

The Radio Committee has been very active through the chairman, Rev. Harris Hunter and the "Evangelical Advertising Agency" in standing in the gap to give full protection to the evangelical cause.

This has been a year of adjustment to the Region in its first year of operation under the Charter Plan, as well as to the Director in his first year as Northwest Regional Director. As we look back over the past year we cannot but say, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us" (I Samuel 7:12.)

NEW ENGLAND REGION

The New England regional office of the National Association of Evangelicals is known in the area as the New England Fellowship of Evangelicals, and has operated as such for twenty-six years. After its first thirteen years of service, it became related to the newly-formed NAE, and added to its New England-wide ministry the promotion of the national program.

Throughout these past thirteen years of NAE's history, the local New England program has continued with good success, reaching the multitudes with the Gospel and serving the Evangelical Christians as their headquarters. Thousands "listen in" each week-day to the half-hour "Fellowship Hour" broadcast at 7:30 a.m. over Boston's station WMFX. Over ten thousand school-age children are reached in Maine and Vermont during each two-week period throughout the year by ten full-time Bible teachers employed by the department of Christian education. Four Christian bookstores, located in the strategic cities of Boston and Worcester, Mass., and Portland and Bangor, Maine, serve Evangelicals with Christian literature and printed materials. The Rumney Summer Bible Conference and Youth Camps, one of the oldest and best-known in all of New England, continues to fill a need in the summer activities in the region. This year, Rumney will feature such speakers as Roy Brown, Bob Finley, Jim Vaus, John DeBrine, Clyde Taylor, Clarence Mason, John Walvoord, Harold Ockenga, Howard Sugden, Vernon Grounds, Ding Teuling, Tom Claus, Proctor Davis, and Tal McNutt.

The regional director, Rev. George McNeill, in addition to the administration of the above local ministries, promotes the NAE in various churches throughout New England, and at present there are four or five areas where new organizations are being formed among the Evangelical pastors.

New England is looking forward with great interest to the coming of the NSSA Convention to Providence, R. I., in the fall and already a host of New Englanders are engaged in preparing the way for the convention.